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## BAPTISTS ARE CARRYING ON, SAYS DR. RUSHBROOKE

In Interview With Baptist Record Representative Message is Sent to Mississippi Baptists

New York, N. Y.: "The spirit of our English Baptists is admirable," declared Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World's Alliance in an exclusive interview with the editor of The Baptist Record.

Having just arrived in New York after a slow steamer trip from England, the distinguished Baptist leader showed no signs of weariness. When asked how he arranged to wear cuffs on his trousers, he replied, "This suit was bought before the war." He also said that he was glad to be able to go to bed in pajamas, which was not safe to do in England.

When asked about the bombing of Baptist churches he said that about 200 churches and manse (pastoriums) had been damaged and about 60 completely destroyed. Among the well-known churches which have been destroyed he named Spurgeon's Tabernacle, known as the Metropolitan Tabernacle; Tyndale church (probably named for the martyr) which was built under the pastorate of Dr. Richard Glover, father of Dr. T. R. Glover, who is a well-known Baptist minister; Lake Road, Plymouth; George Street, Plymouth; St. Michael's, Coventry, whose former minister was Dr. Wheeler Robinson, a leading English Baptist theologian; St. Mary's at Norwich (pronounced Norich) whose minister is the popular Dr. Gilbert Laws. St. Mary's church had been completely destroyed by an accidental fire. The people rebuilt it and just a few weeks after its completion a German bomb demolished it.

To our inquiry as to what happens to a bombed church he replied, "Halls and schools (Sunday school plants) are sometimes left. Neighboring churches, (of other faiths) open their doors. In some cases Baptists hold services in the Sunday school room of a nearby church while the host church conducts services in the church auditorium. On the other hand, Baptists are equally hospitable and extend a helping hand to others whose churches are ruined.

"In a few instances dying or weak congregations that should have merged with some other Baptist church but held on for sentimental reasons have

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## TO HIM THAT HATH AN EAR

By Ryburn T. Stancil, Garner, N. C.

In this America of ours we have been thinking too much in terms of big things. The coming of the nation's big business organizations has dwarfed the community enterprise of the local store. The consolidation of rural schools into large central plants has taken from the country neighborhood one of its life centers, and focused its attention upon larger things away from home. Rural entertainment has been diverted from community activities to the commercial entertainment of the larger cities, which draws upon the resources of an ever-widening territory. All of this has made the open country a vast feeder for the growing cities.

Not only that, but the leadership for these organizations has been continuously drawn from the young manhood and womanhood of these rural communities. The country homes have been training grounds for executives in every field. Out in the open under the stars God has been making His great men, and these great men have been building their nation-wide, and even world-wide, enterprises.

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## NEW TRAINING UNION WORKER COMES TO STATE

We are happy to introduce to Mississippi Baptists Miss Sara Wallis, who comes to the Training Union Department of our State Convention work to serve



MISS SARA WALLIS

in the capacity of associate State Training Union secretary. Miss Wallis is a Memphis girl, having graduated from the Central High School in Memphis, attaining membership in the National Honor Society while there.

She was a member of Bellevue Baptist Church before coming to Blue Mountain College. During her high school years she was active in Training Union work and also served in the Baptist Goodwill Center in Memphis.

She will graduate from Blue Mountain College in May 1943, and will begin her work with us June 1st. While in Blue Mountain College she has served as house president, secretary and vice-president of the Euzelian Society, secretary and vice-president of the Student Government Council, and B. Y. P. U. president.

She has made the honor roll each of her four years in Blue Mountain and was elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She did Youth Revival work in Mississippi during the summer of 1941, and served as one of the volunteer workers in Training Union during the summer of 1942. Already she has a wide acquaintance and many close friends in the state. A. J. Wilds, secretary, said: "We feel that God has led her in accepting this place of service in our denominational life, and we commend her most heartily to our Baptist host."

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## RIDGECREST WILL BE OPEN

Announcement from Perry Morgan, manager of Ridgecrest, Southern Baptist Assembly, states that the regular summer program will be held from June 9 to September 1. In co-operation with the government, all conferences begin and close in the middle of the week to avoid congested travel. The student retreat starts off the season June 9-16, under Frank Leavell of Nashville. The Y. W. A. Camp follows, June 14-24.

The assembly, near Asheville, N. C., is under the auspices of the Sunday School Board, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, secretary.

The boys' camp at Ridgecrest will be open all the summer.

CIRCULATION THIS WEEK  
31,906

HELP US GET THE 34 TO REACH THE  
32,000 MARK!

## NEW RADIO PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

The Sugar Creek Gang is on the air! The radio world has never before featured a daily, definitely Christian program for children. Paul Hutchens, known to thousands of boys and girls as the writer of the Sugar Creek Gang books, whose total sales have reached the 100,000 mark, is now on the air as the "creator" of the Sugar Creek Gang and as a story-teller.

The broadcast is heard daily over KXEL, a 50,000-watt clear-channel station, located on the dial at 1540. Thousands of our girls and boys who have thrilled to the Sugar Creek Gang stories will be delighted to know that they can now hear Mr. Hutchens in person, reading the stories and interpreting the various characters and their moods in the way that he intended them to speak and feel when he wrote the books.

This lively gang of youngsters—Big Jim, Little Jim, Circus, Poetry, Dragonfly, Bill Collins and Little Tom Till—are among America's most popular fictional characters. This radio feature is heard at a time when most children's programs are on the air; namely, the quarter-hour from 5:15 to 5:30 p. m. We wish this new venture on the part of Mr. Hutchens every success, as we believe it is the only Christian story hour on a daily basis in America. Announcement is made by the publishers, Wm. B. Eerdmans.

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## MISSIONARY AVAILABLE FOR FOUR SUNDAYS

V. L. David is to be in Mississippi from May 30 through June 20 in Royal Ambassador camps. He served under our Foreign Mission Board for a period in Spain and is now serving in Argentina. Since camps will not be operating on Sundays, he will be available for engagements on these four Sundays.

Any church desiring to have him visit them either morning or night on one of these Sundays, write immediately to: J. I. Bishop, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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## ENLISTMENT PASTORS

For the present the Enlistment Pastors' Districts stand as already listed in a previous issue of The Baptist Record.

District I, with Tupelo as a center, composed of the following Associations: Tishomingo, Itawamba, Monroe, Alcorn, Prentiss, Lee, Chickasaw, Tippah, Benton, Union County, Pontotoc and Calhoun.

District II, with Batesville as the center, composed of Associations as follows: Marshall, Lafayette, DeSoto, Tate, Panola, Yalobusha, Riverside, Tallahatchie, Leflore, Bolivar, Deer Creek and Sunflower.

District III. The Associations in this district are: Lowndes, Clay, Choctaw, Zion, Attala, Madison, Yazoo, Holmes, Carroll, Grenada, Montgomery, and Oktibbeha. Ackerman is the center for this work.

District IV, with Newton as the center, is composed of the following Associations: Noxubee, Kemper, Lauderdale, Clarke (Liberty), Jasper, Smith, Scott, Leake, Neshoba (New Choctaw), Winston, Jones and Newton.

District V, Brookhaven as center, has the following Associations: Hinds-Warren, Simpson, Wal-thall, Pike, Lawrence, Copiah, Union, Lincoln, Adams-Franklin, Mississippi and Rankin.

District VI is composed of the following Associations with Hattiesburg as the center: Wayne, (Continued on Page Five)



## Sparks and Splinters

S. E. Tull will be the visiting evangelist at the Tunica revival, which begins June 6 and ends June 13.

Pastor J. D. Walker of Calhoun City has brought in a fine list of 58 names of his members who will receive The Baptist Record.

A sixth volume of sermons, from the pen of R. C. Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia, South Carolina, has recently been published by the Broadman Press. The price is \$1.25. Some of the subjects are: "The Arena of Victory," "The Hiss of a Kiss," "Behold the Man," and "The Verdict of the Centuries." Throughout the book Christ is exalted as Savior. It should be helpful as devotional literature as well as helpful to pastors in their work. The title is "Around the Cross." It may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

J. G. Box is the author of "What Baptists Believe and Why They Believe It." It is published by the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, and the price is ten cents per copy or \$7.00 per 100. Every Baptist needs this book and certainly it should be placed in the hands of every new convert. It discusses many of our doctrines and backs them up with Scriptures.

"The Parables and Metaphors of Our Lord," by G. Campbell Morgan, is published by Flemming H. Revell, 153 Fifth Avenue, New York City. 352 pages, \$3.00. Dr. Morgan needs no introduction. Anyone interested in the Scriptures should be helped by studying this book. There are two parts. Part I discusses the "Parabolic Method," and gives illustrations of its use. Part II gives a careful study of some of the great parables and metaphors used by the Master.

"Charles G. Finney," by Basil Miller, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, price \$1.00. This life of Finney is not as full as we would wish, but contains many thrilling instances of one of our greatest evangelists. It will help anyone, pastor or layman.

One of the best books of its kind to reach the editorial desk is "Home Missions in the New World," by J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is published by the Home Mission Board and sells for 40c in paper. It is one of, if not the finest presentation of Home Missions and its challenge that we have seen. He emphasizes some of the dangers confronting America. It may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

The Church Committee for China Relief has presented an interesting booklet entitled "China Relief." Ministers and denominational leaders can obtain free copies from their denominational relief committee or foreign mission board.

An excellent book of daily devotions is "Give Us This Day," by Herbert Lockyer. According to the publishers, "This book is different from all other books of daily meditations. Each week's readings center about one vital theme, with seven collated verses, each for a day of the week, bringing new light and a different angle relative to the central topic for the week. This is a means of providing the busy minister with sermons for a year. It also provides a guide for a systematic study of God's great precepts for the earnest believer." The price is \$1.00 and it is published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich.

"How to Present Church Drama," by Mary B. Butchart, is offered by Standard Publishing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, publishers. The price is 50c in paper binding. The book contains full information about the choice of dramatic material, casting the play, rehearsals, scenery, lighting and color effects, costuming, make-up, etc. Mrs. Butchart is an expert in this field. The book may be ordered from the publisher.

At Zion Baptist Church in Pontotoc county on May 16, the annual Memorial Day services will be held with Leroy Boland of Clinton as preacher. This is his home church, where he was baptized, licensed and ordained.

F. K. Horton, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, and Z. M. Wells, assistant pastor at Brookhaven, recently led in a fine revival at Jasper, Texas.

Three Georgia Baptist colleges were recently the recipients of gifts from Columbus Roberts, of Columbus, Georgia. Mercer University received \$100,000; Bessie Tift, \$25,000; and Shorter College, \$25,000. Also, Crawford Johnson, who died recently in Birmingham, Ala., bequeathed \$50,000 to Howard College, also a Baptist institution.

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Religious interest among men in the armed forces is greater after, rather than before, they have gone into battle, according to several navy chaplains, who report recent experiences with their men under fire. On one warship, which took part in the African campaign, subsequent church attendance was not only twice that of an average Sunday but greater than that on the Sunday before battle, indicating, according to the chaplain on board, "a feeling of profound gratitude in its deepest and most spiritual sense." "During our batels with the Japanese," another chaplain wrote, "not a man on board lost his head. And afterwards more than one lad came around to me and said: 'Chaplain, you weren't doing the only praying around here today.'"

Twenty-five people have already joined a soul winners band in First Baptist Church, West Point, pledged to visit and witness each week. The goal in the church is, "Someone saved every Sunday."

There were 13 people baptized at Cross Roads church Mantee, as a result of their Crusade revival. The ordinance was administered by the pastor, L. W. Estes, in a lake nearby. Approximately \$300 have been gathered in a fund to build Sunday school rooms at the church, where the new converts and others may have a systematic study of the Word of God.—W. H. Womack, reporter.

Swedish Baptists and Chinese—Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—The Swedish Baptist Mission Society has forwarded a large sum of money to help relieve distress among Chinese in the Shantung province. The society has 5,000 members in China, distributed among 12 congregations, and conducts more than a hundred mission stations.

A fine list from Goodman church has been sent in by J. T. Skelton. Madison Flowers is pastor.

Lexington church has set aside May 16 as Library Day, and members are asked to donate a book, or to give money for the purchase of one.—H. W. Robertson, pastor.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office included the following: Miss Mary Ratiff, Raymond; Joe T. Odle, Crystal Springs; W. T. Darling, Burnsville; G. W. Smith, Sallis; Sybil Smith, Moselle; Betty Smith, Sallis; Mrs. G. W. Smith, Sallis; L. G. Sansing, Pelahatchie; J. D. Walker, Calhoun City; Chas. C. Jones, Mendenhall; C. Z. Holland, Canton; B. Frank Smith, Durant.

Hazlehurst church will have a special "Convention Day" on May 30, with a missionary speaker and other features.

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### TEST OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Test your own spiritual life by asking yourself these questions:

1. Does my life please God?
2. Am I studying my Bible daily?
3. Am I enjoying my Christian life?
4. Is there anyone I cannot forgive?
5. Have I ever won a soul to Christ?
6. How much time do I spend in prayer?
7. Am I trying to bring my lost friends to Christ?
8. Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
9. How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
10. How many things do I put before my religious duties?
11. Am I ready for the return of Christ?

—Bulletin, Highland Church, Meridian.

### DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

May

Evangelism.  
Cooperative Program.  
Pay off State Debts (Now Club).  
Orphanage Day.  
Hospital Day.  
G. A. Focus Week, 9-14.  
Association Elimination Contests in B. T. U.  
Vacation Bible Schools.  
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.  
Blue Mountain Endowment.

Otho A. Eure, pastor of Calvary church in Greenwood, will enter the Army Chaplain School at Harvard University at Cambridge, Mass., June 10. He is remaining at Greenwood until then.

A most successful spring revival was held at the Ruth Baptist Church with J. C. Murphy, pastor at Bogalusa, and a senior at Baptist Bible Institute, doing the preaching. The pastor, Lemuel Smith, and his wife were present for the entire week, also. There were eight additions and the entire church was revived.—Reporter.

Orman McDonald was the guest preacher at Highland church in Meridian on May 9, at the evening service. He was preaching in his own home church, since he went out from Highland.

To Mrs. W. S. Freeland of Lucedale we are indebted for additional subscriptions to The Baptist Record.

Lexington church sends in a fine list under the inspiration of Pastor Homer W. Robertson, composing at least half their resident families.

To the Members of Stonewall Baptist Church—Beginning with this month, every resident family of the Stonewall church will receive weekly our own state paper, The Baptist Record. This paper is being sent to you through the church. It is an interesting religious paper and informs and inspires all its readers. Bad news travels on the wings of a plane, while good news travels on a tortoise back—so let's put the good news to rolling!—Sollie I. Smith, pastor.

The First Baptist Church at Natchez has sent in a list of all the resident families, and joins the growing list of the progressive churches in the state, using the EVERY FAMILY Plan for The Baptist Record. W. A. Sullivan is pastor.

On May 16 the Mt. Zion church in Simpson county will have a service dedicating the roll of honor of its 38 young men in the armed forces. At the last preaching day a fine spirit prevailed and good attendance was noted. The church made an offering to the Orphanage. B. H. Benson is pastor.—Reporter.

The Pace Baptist Church had C. C. Carraway, pastor at Boyle, as the visiting preacher in the revival in the Crusade. He delivered good and fearless messages. There were three additions, and the church was greatly helped.—E. G. Evans, pastor.

West End church at West Point recently went five above the goal set for their total Sunday school attendance, and the men exceeded their goal by two.

Pastor D. L. Sturgis has returned to Tunica after a revival at the Calvary church in Memphis, full of appreciation of the fine work being done by Pastor J. G. Lott and his wife, who after 14 years are still successfully leading their people.

Sabougla church, Slate Springs, has come in as a new EVERY FAMILY church with 33 names. Pastor J. D. Walker is happy over the fine spirit of the church in seeking progressive measures in their work, and he predicts that this group will make a fine record.

Glowing terms were used by Pastor Charles F. Leek, Highland Avenue church, Montgomery, Ala., in telling of the revival recently held, in which D. Swan Haworth, pastor of First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, preached. There were 72 additions, 52 being baptized. Ted Brannon, music director of Northside church, Chattanooga, led the singing.

### TEN BEST BOOKS

"The Grip That Holds," by Savage.  
"Christianity in Peril," by Osborn.  
"Passion Flowers," by Gunynne.  
"In the Storm," by Paul Scherer.  
"In the Shadow of the Cross," by Fredrick K. Stamm.  
"Strengthen Thy Brethren," by Howard W. Ferrin.  
"These Prophetic Voices," author unknown.  
"The Scarlet Sin," by Ray.  
"The Crucifiers, Then and Now," by Johnson.  
"The Place Where Thou Standest," by Paul Scherer.

These books are very fine and will help you if you read them.—W. C. Stewart.

—BR—

Do your best for the B. M. C. endowment fund in June.



## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

### I

Pastor C. W. Thompson, Laurel, was the first to send in for 200 of the SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER COVENANT about which Dr. Norman W. Cox, Meridian, has been writing. We have had several thousand copies of this printed, and in fact we are using copy which Dr. Cox sent at our request. The calls have come in so fast that we are having to have a reprint on them. We will be glad to send copies to any one desiring them. We quote this Prayer Covenant:

#### SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER COVENANT

"That my country may be blest, the saved revived, the lost saved, and Christ be praised; I hereby covenant with others in my church, and tens of thousands in the Baptist churches of our Southland, to pray each Saturday night for the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit to enlarge the attendance at the services of my church the next day, and to make effective the witness of the word as it is taught and preached."

(Please sign and keep in your Bible to remind you of this vow.)

### II

#### OUR DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAM—

Must be extensive enough to reach the whole world—

Must be intensive enough to reach the last member of every church—

Must be big enough to challenge the best, Must be warm enough to warm our hearts.

Here is the order:—

1. Conversion.
2. Consecration.
3. Crucifixion.

Then, we are ready for serving Him!

### III

Some folks want feeling and assurance before getting salvation. This is comparable to a man waiting under a tree, waiting to "get up a sweat" before he chops down the tree.

Some folks feel they are going somewhere when they are only standing still. On the train we have felt the vibration and thought we were moving when the vibration was merely from another train that WAS MOVING!

### IV

A man out from the beach was sinking and called for help. Guard said to those nearby, "Line up, join hands." A hundred hands clasped in line with guard in front. The drowning man was reached and brought out.

Who gave help to that fellow? All of the 100 persons had a part. So it is in your church and denomination. All have a part.

### V

Miss Ethel McKeithen is doing splendid work as a temperance worker over Mississippi. She specializes in speaking and teaching services in the churches in church departments. She has recently taught the new Sunday School Board Book on Narcotics. Her work is supported by free will offerings. Individuals and churches may designate such offerings.

### VI

Brother Pastor: Have you sent to this office on the regular blank provided for that purpose, a report on the Soul Winning Crusade in your church? So many pastors and layment have been requesting information as to the results of the Crusade that we are getting ready now to compile figures in this matter. As a testimony for Christ's sake let us have your report immediately if you have not sent it in. In case you need one or two more blanks write us for them. We promise to be prompt in our reply.

### VII

It is easy for this preacher to appreciate Baptist pastors and churches. Through the years we have walked together you have largely helped make our

ministry. In these recent years you have certainly opened doors of opportunity for preaching the Gospel.

We have all the revival dates we can accept until after the Convention in November. We will be glad to help in Sunday preaching services any Sunday starting with the second Sunday of September—all we can take until then.

Blessings upon you.

### VIII

Do you desire a book that so grips you it will be difficult to lay aside that book? Such a volume is "THE MARCH OF GOD IN THE AGE LONG STRUGGLE," by Dr. John J. Wicker. It is in three parts: The Way of Man is DOWN FALL, Flood, Famine—Genesis.

#### THE WAY DOWN

"The book of Genesis is an account of beginnings—beginning of the individual, of society, of a nation. The book reveals the faithfulness of God and the faithlessness of man.

There are two great movements in the book of Genesis, as there are throughout the Bible. (1) That of man going away from God in unbelief and sin; (2) that of God persistently pursuing man with His goodness and His grace.

The conflict of the ages is between unbelief, rebellion, and sin under the lead of Satan, and that of faith of good men leading to repentance and righteous living under the guidance of a gracious God.

There are revealed in the Book of Genesis three distinct steps in the way DOWN—a FALL—a FLOOD—a FAMINE. In Genesis man is dealing with God's assets and going into bankruptcy. Man begins in Eden and ends in Egypt.

Man is always dealing with the assets of God, while God is constantly dealing with the liabilities of man.

Man with God's assets is a failure. God with man's liabilities is a success.

God's steps are upward, while man's steps are downward. God reveals His purpose, plan and patience. He persists with grim determination and quiet confidence. God is no quitter. I marvel at His patience. He never gives up. He is often grieved, and it even "repented the Lord that He had made man"; still He works.

Man may not believe in God, but somehow God has never ceased to believe in man.

"The Way Out" is found in Exodus; "The Way Up" is a reference study of Leviticus.

It is a book for devotional Bible study. It has in it good preaching. Price \$2.25.

### IX

Several inquiries have come regarding contributing government bonds to our Baptist work.

Let us say in answering such questions that stamps in any amount may be bought and sent to this office for various phases of the work. Bonds may be purchased, provided the name of the designated cause is written into the face of the bond. We say this because some of these bonds are non-transferable as you know. Contributions of bonds and stamps should be over and above offering as it takes cash to do most of Baptist work.

Endowment contributions constitute an exception to the above statement.

### X

#### PRAY FOR OUR MEN IN ARMS

John 17:19, "I pray for them." Jesus saw His own going out into the conflict of the world. He said, "I pray for them." Today many see their very own going out into the thick of the fight. Pray for them. Pray that they may be men, Christian men, under all trials. Pray for them by praying for their mothers, fathers, wives, and loved ones.

PRAY that they might fight clean, and die clean if need be.

PRAY for hope. The hope that all return if it be HIS will.

PRAY for those at home, that they will willingly put in as much as the boys are putting out.

PRAY that their labor and sacrifice will bring Christ's "Peace and Good Will."

PRAY that their faith in God will balance their fight against evil.

PRAY that their contact with all races will bear the righteous fruit of fellowship.

Christ says, "I pray for them." Will you join HIM?  
—Collins Bulletin.

## NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

HONESTY • LOYALTY • VICTORY

### I

"If you want to be rich—  
GIVE!

If you want to be poor—  
GRASP!

If you want to be needy—  
HOARD!

If you want abundance—  
SCATTER!"

Pastor B. B. Hilbun, Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, writes that regular remittances to the Now Club will be sent by them monthly. This will be in some good proportions, too. Cooperative Program allocations are also increased. They are having additions right along, and large attendance upon the services. That is what makes the heart sing and His work grow. Doxology!

### II

Dr. Powell, pastor Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, tells us that in view of transportation problems they voted to give to the NOW CLUB expenses which have been incident to delegates attending the W. M. U. Convention. This is more of the spirit that makes for VICTORY.

### III

Dr. J. W. Lee, pastor at Batesville, tells us that we may expect the balance on their NOW CLUB goal within the next few weeks.

We can stand a good deal of great news like that now as we face calling \$127,000 of our bonds June 1.

Please remember as you help finance this call that you are aiding in saving over \$80,000 interest in this one call.

PUTTING VICTORY—into—THE NOW CLUB NOW!

IT CAN BE DONE!

### IV

Dr. W. H. Knight, Executive Secretary, Louisiana Baptist work, Shreveport, writes that last week put Louisiana Baptists out of debt. Thus another Baptist Convention is added to the parade of debtless Baptist agencies.

COME ON, MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS!—let us write that same sort of history within the next few months.

### BR

"YE DID IT UNTO ME"

(Foreign Mission Board)—Miss Katie Murray, writing from Chengchow, China, gives us the following word-picture:

"Your relief money has made classes and meetings possible, helped some along their journey west, and provided necessities for brethren and sisters in local churches. Yesterday—the closing day of Winter Workers' Bible Class—the workers rose thanking Miss Stribling, station treasurer, for buying grain for the class early. 'We could not have had the class if grain had not been bought early,' said one. Miss Stribling would accept no thanks, but the workers, she, and I wish to express to you who gave to Baptist relief our gratitude; truly, if you had not given, we see no way to have had the class. Last fall, with the famine staring us in the face, Miss Stribling bought grain especially for this class with the idea of selling it to the workers at cost. During the session wheat went to about sixty cents U. S. currency per pound, then the government fixed a lower price, but it was possible to pay only a very small amount.

"By the time this reaches you seventy-two Baptist boys and girls, now hungry, would like to express their thanks to you for the privilege of being in an emergency school. Grain is being bought and teachers secured for opening in about two weeks. Seventy-two is only a small proportion of those who should enter, and we hope to take others as funds come."

### BR

Do your best for the B. M. C. endowment fund in June.



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### THE TRUTH WILL OUT

From many sources we are besieged with pleas  
for church union. However, most, probably all, of  
them mean union on "our terms."

Dr. Ralph B. Hindman, pastor of the First Pres-  
byterian Church of Buffalo, New York, seems to get  
at the truth of the matter. Below we quote from  
a Religious News Service bulletin:

Buffalo, N. Y.—Declaring that "an organic union  
of two churches such as the Presbyterian and Epis-  
copal is impossible without compromise," Dr. Ralph  
B. Hindman, minister of the First Presbyterian  
Church, told the Buffalo-Niagara Presbytery that  
to achieve such a union both churches must give  
up cherished principles.

"To give up cherished principles" is unthinkable  
among Baptists. We have a book of instructions  
called the Bible and in it are our cherished princi-  
ples. They are principles for which Baptists have  
suffered and sacrificed. We have been called nar-  
row and bigoted. Our reply is that we are no more  
narrow than the Bible and if trying to follow  
God's guide (the Bible) is narrow, we glory in our  
narrowness.

Giving up cherished principles is too big a price  
to pay for the promised profits of union.

### "CONSISTENCY, THOU ART A VIRTUE!"

From an Associated Press news item printed in  
The Commercial Appeal we learn that:

"Since October all distilleries have been making  
industrial alcohol and are carefully husbanding  
their supply of manufactured liquor in an effort to  
make it last out the war. But the demand is  
greater than ever, distillers say.

"As one wholesaler remarked: 'The former pint  
buyer now wants a quart; the quart buyer wants a  
case.'

"Liquor interests say that United States treasury  
figures will show that more whisky was with-  
drawn from bond in January and February of this  
year than in the same months last year."

We would not be so unkind as to accuse the wets  
of misrepresentation, but didn't the whiskey crowd  
say that there was more whiskey drunk during  
prohibition than in the days of legalized liquor?

"Oh! Consistency, thou art a virtue!"

### ALL CHURCHES SHOULD

Possibly no movement among Baptists in recent  
years has been growing faster in popularity than  
the Vacation Bible schools. This is due to the fact  
that these activities have more than justified them-  
selves in the light of what is accomplished in the  
time allotted for their courses. In regular Sunday  
school, if a pupil is never absent, never tardy, and  
if the entire 30 minute period for study is utilized  
conscientiously, in 52 Sundays there will be about  
26 hours of Bible study. Those familiar with the  
work of the average Sunday schools are not optimis-

istic enough to make great claims.

In Vacation Bible schools, in two weeks, more real  
Bible study is done than in a whole Sunday school  
year. The fact that it is intense, and the pupil's  
mind is occupied with religious study alone, now  
that day school is out, adds to its effectiveness.

In Sunday school, a few pupils may commit to  
memory one verse each week, for a year. In Vaca-  
tion Bible school, whole passages are learned and  
the interpretation of them made clear. Words of  
the great hymns are memorized. Skill in using the  
hands is stressed. Happy surprises for the boys and  
girls make the school a favorite with the pupils,  
making pleasant associations in memory of religi-  
ous activities.

Making religion popular with children is a good  
insurance against adult indifference. Evangelism  
is the main feature, since everything points to win-  
ning the boys and girls.

### "GOD'S PLAN WITH MEN"

The news that the book, "God's Plan With Men,"  
is to be put back in print will be received with ac-  
claim. This treatment of the subject is masterly,  
logical, clear, Scripture-based, and produces con-  
viction in the minds of those who study it with  
open minds. The book will be useful as a gift to  
people hard to "argue with" on God's plan of  
salvation.

Proceeds from its sale after the actual expenses  
are paid, will go toward establishing scholarships  
for Negro preachers at the Seminary in Nashville.  
It is fitting that "God's Plan With Men" should  
bring in funds to educate leaders for a race that  
desperately needs to know the content of the text!  
A. D. Muse of Memphis, has undertaken the re-  
printing, and is donating his services to the pro-  
ject in memory of the author, T. T. Martin.

### DELAY IS DANGEROUS

A recent letter from a grief stricken mother  
about the crash death of her flier son contained  
these words: "He was a fine boy and I am so glad  
that he made preparations years ago to meet his  
Maker."

As I suggested in an editorial some few weeks ago  
we should try to win our boys before they go into  
the armed services rather than hope that they are  
saved if the worst should happen.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. GWALTNEY

According to the April 1 issue of the Alabama  
Baptist, Dr. L. L. Gwaltney has directed the destiny  
of that outstanding paper for 10, these many years,  
and is now beginning his 25th year as editor.

In an article by Albert R. Bond, Dr. Gwaltney is  
described as "A Virginian to the manor born; a  
scholar with a tireless search for truth; a preacher  
with a consuming passion for righteousness; a  
friend who has gathered into his inner circle thou-  
sands from every part of the state; and an editor  
who early caught the vision splendid and has dared  
to bring a message with spiritual values applicable  
to Baptist needs in Alabama." We wish that space  
were available to publish all the good things that  
Dr. Bond said about our good friend, Dr. Gwaltney.  
We have known him since we became connected  
with The Baptist Record in 1935. All that was said  
of him is true, and still the half has not yet been  
told. He has the ability to say much in small  
space. He is a great thinker and has made a most  
helpful impression upon the policies of Southern  
Baptists. May the next 24 years be even better  
than the past!

—BR—

Do your best for the B. M. C. endowment fund in  
June.

## OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the  
best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE?

One of the most ghastly results coming from the  
present war is to be seen in the fact that enlisted  
men who become disabled because of venereal dis-  
eases are discharged and allowed to return to their  
homes. The latest figures indicate that in some  
outfits as many as 15 percent of the men are in-  
fected. The National Voice of Feb. 11 states that  
in the area of metropolitan New York teen age  
girls picked up by soldiers are responsible for four  
times as much venereal disease as public prosti-  
tutes. It is terrible to think of this vast army of  
fallen girls and what it means to have them dog-  
ging the steps of enlisted men wherever they go.  
But the thing that should arouse America imme-  
diately is the contemplation of what the next  
generation of children must suffer because of the  
diseased men who are coming home when they  
will have little to prevent their sowing the dread  
diseases, coming back to where tens of thousands  
of women will marry them without question, com-  
ing back to get drunk and contract the diseases  
again; and, worst of all, depending upon tempor-  
ary cures to eradicate the dread syphilis taint  
which will, in thousands of cases, become active  
and be passed on to the next generation in blinded  
eyes, deformed bodies, moronic minds and de-  
natured souls. "The wages of sin is death!" Al-  
mighty God has placed one of the most terrible of  
all penalties against unbridled sex indulgence!  
Will America wake up now and see that the har-  
vest of sin grows no larger?—Western Recorder.

—BR—

## Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross  
section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

### WHAT A MAN!

While He was living, men thought, "What a  
man!"; when He was dying, men said, "What a  
man!"; and as they were burying Him, men mar-  
veled, "What a man!" He was indeed a real man.

One admits that He was a man of prayer. He  
was a man of ethics, purpose, and ambition. He  
was a man of ideas. . . . He was a man of words,  
of beliefs, of doctrines, of sympathy, of love, of  
understanding; He was a man of philosophy, of  
dreams, and of ideals; yet a man of action. He  
pulled down from the heavens the stars of love  
and beauty and kindness and scattered them  
among the human race for its benefit. He plucked  
from the wayside dandelions of justice, roses of  
love, violets of purity, and carried them into the  
homes of the poor, of the sick, of the needy. . . .

In His mind He contained facts which, once  
taught, gained for Him the reputation of One who  
taught with certainty. In His heart He contained  
love with which He burned away the acids of hate,  
avarice, greed, lust, envy and idolatry. . . . He pro-  
claimed a message with power to lift a world, to  
take out its rotted inside, and to put in its place a  
clean, righteous, and everlasting Godly heart. . . .  
With His feet He traced an upward path and  
blazed a plain trail from the swamp-lands over the  
mountains to the waters of everlasting life.

He believed a thing ought to be done, and He  
did it.

He preached to the masses and dealt with in-  
dividuals. He was the most sensational preacher  
of all ages, yet He never was so wrapped up in us-  
ing psychology, tact, and oratory that He lost the  
end for the means. He never breathed His sensa-  
tional utterances merely for the sake of unique-  
ness. . . .

He not only spoke truths which men ought to ac-  
cept and follow, but He uttered words of wisdom  
which men could follow, and proved it by following  
them Himself. Surely it is hard for one to love

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one's enemies—and apart from the grace of God it cannot be done. It is difficult to bless while others curse—and apart from the grace of God it cannot sincerely be done. It is difficult to do good to one who hates the bestower—and apart from the grace of God it cannot lovingly be done. It is a problem to pray for a man who persecutes and despitefully uses the one who prays—and apart from the grace of God it cannot be done. But He showed that with the grace of God it could be done.

He taught in principle that what this land needs . . . a band of God-filled individuals with bayonets of truth and helmets of faith, who do not know the meaning of retreat . . . individuals who are not sit-stillites, not bump-on-the-log-ites, not termites, nor parasites; but individuals who are concerned about establishing deity on earth, whose blossoming will be in peace on earth, good will toward men, and whose harvest will be housed in heaven. He taught that what this world needs more than U. S. O. recreation is G. O. D. recreation; that what every land needs more than a "share-the-wealth" plan is a "share-God" spirit; that the country needs more than a New Deal, a New Birth . . . it needs not reformation so much as regeneration. He taught that what a banker needs more than remittance is repentance; that what a lawyer needs more than to win a case is to have his sin erased; that what homes need is an "upper room" as well as a "supper room," a key-room as well as a tea-room, a priming-room as well as a dining-room, a hitting-the-devil-room rather than a sitting-disheveled-room.

This Man was great. He was a great humanitarian. He was human, but more. He was divine. Napoleon once said, "I, in all of my genius, am as nothing as compared to Him." Jesus Christ, Son of man, Son of God. . . As man worthy of imitation and emulation, and as God He is worthy of adoration and praise.—Clifton Earl Cooper, pastor, Baptist Church, Georgetown, Mississippi.

## ENLISTMENT PASTORS

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Greene, George, Jackson, Gulf Coast, Pearl River, Lebanon, Perry, Covington, Marion and Jeff Davis. Requirements as set up by the Convention, the Convention Board, and the Executive Committee, are few but explicit. Each man will live at or near the center of his district.

Each Enlistment Pastor will present all causes as Evangelism, Missions, Cooperative Program, Christian Education, debt-paying, Baptist Record, Minister Retirement, distribute tracts, etc.

Each man will work primarily in his own district. Reports are made regularly to the Convention Board office.

Each man will stay within the Board's budget as to expense. The few remaining details need not be listed here. Every man is treated alike, therefore, no exceptions are made in this set-up.

The State Enlistment Pastor will, along with his state work, give special attention to the work in District Five.

Pastors are urged to help these men get into places where they may render the best services.

Many of us feel we have enough pastors who are able to hold meetings in the stronger churches and that much of the time of these men should be given to the work in churchless communities, mission points, part time churches, etc. These men are to help the pastors and the churches. We regard this as a great forward step looking toward taking Mississippi for Christ. Yet, it is only an intermediate step toward the ideal. That ideal is for every association needing such a worker to have one. There will then be little, if any need, for a district man.

Do your best for the B. M. C. endowment fund in June.

During the first quarter of 1943 the First church of Holly Springs sent \$307.35 to the Cooperative Program and \$134.00 to the Lottie Moon offering.

The Sunday school at West Point, First church, registered a gain of 41% over April last year, with the adult department making an increase of 136%.

## Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley  
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects' Service

Chaplain Orvil T. Unger, of the Station Hospital, Gulfport Field, is showing a fine spirit of cooperation with our Mississippi Baptist Camp work. Each month when he sends in the report to the Home Mission Board of the religious activities at the field, he sends a copy to our department. Prior to entering the chaplaincy he was a Baptist pastor in Kansas, and is a member of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Jeff Kent of Forest is perhaps the champion letter-writer among Mississippi Baptists. She stated recently that 70 members of the armed forces received letters from her regularly.

GRENADA: The First Baptist Church seems to be in earnest about doing definite things for the military personnel at both Camp McCain and the Grenada Army Air Base. Rev. Levon Moore, associate pastor, was sent by the church to observe the work in the Gulf Coast area. Dr. G. E. Wiley, pastor, the Board of Deacons and the church membership want the church to be of real service while the men and women are stationed in nearby camps.

SLEEPING QUARTERS: Service men on overnight leave from military bases often find it impossible to find a night's lodging in towns and many cities in and around over-crowded defense areas. They frequently are seen sleeping in railroad stations, bus stations and hotel lobbies. In New Orleans the third floor of the U. S. O. building is provided with double deck steel cots or bunks and can accommodate many hundred men each night. This is one of the best equipped U. S. O. buildings we have visited and it is hoped that many other U. S. O. groups will adopt this plan, rather than use this space for dance halls. This is a real service to the men visiting on week-ends.

WASHINGTON: The War Department released this information: "The Army will need approximately 4,000 chaplains by the end of 1943. The number required include 3028 Protestant, 959 Catholic and 69 Jewish chaplains." According to recent advice from the superintendent of camp work for our denomination, Southern Baptists have at present about 750 chaplains in service. Our churches will be compelled to sacrifice pastors as well as young men and women to fill the Army's need.

## RUTH BURNS NOTE

Six years after it was built, the Ruth Baptist Church paid off the last note on its indebtedness. All-day services were held in observing the event, and the note was burned at one of the special hours. Representatives from a number of other churches attended and rejoiced with them. A former pastor, B. T. Bishop of McComb, was the principal speaker on the afternoon program, and the pastor, Lemuel Smith, preached at the morning hour. Fine progress is noted in the church in all departments. Special music added to the occasion.—Bessie Mae Raiford.

"The March of God in the Age-Long Struggle" is a recent Broadman Press book selling for \$2.25. The author is Dr. John J. Wicker, president of the Fork Union Military Academy. This is an excellent home study book on the Bible and will help anyone who reads it. As one person has said, "It is simple, suggestive, sane and sufficient." It may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

Rev. S. E. McAdory, our State Mission worker among the Choctaws, writes that they have recently organized seven Training Unions among the Indians. This is more good State Mission testimony.

Deacon Herbert Everett writes from Tutwiler that they have increased their Cooperative Program percentage and expresses hope for a continued increase.

## BAPTISTS ARE CARRYING ON, SAYS DR. RUSHBROOKE

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been compelled to merge with others. Thus the bombing was a blessing."

When questioned about the war's affect on the Sunday schools, he declared that American Sunday school work was far in advance of English efforts. He pointed out that the evacuation of the children had badly disorganized some Sunday schools but on the other hand, others, because of the influx of children, had become stronger. He also said that on the whole the affect of evacuation had hurt because some of the children were evacuated to places where Sunday schools were too far away or where there was none.

In discussing church attendance he said that the congregations are smaller, due to:

1. Many men are absent in the armed forces.
2. Many children have been evacuated.
3. Many women are in some form of war service.
4. The great strain on housewives due to lack of servants.

In contrast to the smaller attendance Dr. Rushbrooke emphasized the fact that contrary to expectations church finances were better. He attributed this to the fact that many of the men in the armed services had not forgotten their financial obligation to their church and that incomes had been increased. Last year a financial deficit was expected but none was experienced. The year which closed April 30 will probably show a surplus.

"In addition to the regular income, English Baptists," said Dr. Rushbrooke, "have been raising a thanksgiving fund of \$630,000 in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the sailing of Wm. Carey. Many thought such a fund at such a time could not be raised. But to the astonishment of all, most of it has been collected and the balance is in sight."

When asked about the soldiers and the churches, he asserted that the churches had kept contact with the soldiers. Much camp work is being done. The government has been very considerate of the churches. Most of the Sunday school plants have been taken over by the government. They are used to house soldiers or for storage. At first the government established canteens (where hard liquor was sold) in the church property. Baptists made a strong protest and wherever objection was made the government graciously acceded to the wishes of the people.

Many churches are pastorless, according to Dr. Rushbrooke. This condition is due to the fact that many have gone into the army as chaplains. But the spirit of the people is admirable. In many cases laymen are serving as pastors. Much of the church work is being done by women. (We reminded him that that was true in America before the war.) When asked about the spiritual condition of the people, he said, "There is no sign of a sweeping revival but there seems to be a strengthening of personal faith."

Dr. Rushbrooke stated that they have a good rationing system, and food is sufficient but without much variety. He spoke highly of the minister of food and said the people accepted his regulations in good spirit because they had unbounded confidence in him. There is absolutely no pleasure driving and none for business unless other ways are unavailable. Concerning the sales tax, he said that everything except necessities is heavily taxed. He cited the example of his desire to purchase a watch. The tax was 100%.

When asked for a message for Mississippi Baptists, Dr. Rushbrooke said, "British Baptists appreciate immensely the way in which American Baptists and British Baptists are working together. There is a deeper sense of unity among us than at any previous time. What we hope is that in the reconstruction after the war we shall act together as one body, every member taking part according to his ability. Above all, British Baptists rejoice in the sense of common service for the one Lord when unitedly we try to feed the hungry. The crust must be given in His name. IF WE PLAN AND WORK FOR HEALTHY RELATIONS WE DO IT IN HIS SPIRIT, AND BENEATH ALL ELSE THAT WE SEEK TO DO WE HAVE THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE SUPREME NEED OF MEN IS THE SALVATION THAT IS IN JESUS CHRIST."



## GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### Tillatoba Is Now EVERY FAMILY

As soon as we heard that O. B. Beverly had become pastor at Tillatoba we knew that sooner or later they would adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. A few weeks ago we received the EVERY FAMILY list from Tillatoba. Thus proving our ability as a prophet.

### Adaton Joins In

One of the latest churches to join the growing list is Adaton, Oktibbeha county. R. L. Ray, Jr., is pastor. Miss Elvie Duke sends in a nice list from this church. Oktibbeha county now has Record readers as follows: Bethesda 2; Longview 2; Maben 2; Starkville 16; Salem 1; STURGIS 42; Wake Forest 9; State College 2; ADATON 17.

### Barton Church Sends List

A recent letter from Mrs. Jessie L. Barton brings a nice club list from Barton church, George county.

More and more Mississippi Baptist Churches are beginning to realize the value of information. S. E. Nix is the pastor.

George county now has Record readers as follows: LUCEDALE 67; ROCKY CREEK 21; AGRICOLA 90; BARTON 12.

### What She Wrote

Recently a valued reader of The Baptist Record wrote the following:

"Please advise me by return mail if I can send The Baptist Record to one of our boys in foreign service. He enjoyed it so much. What will it cost if we can send it at all?

"Sincerely."

### What We Wrote

"We have your card of February 15 asking whether we could send the Record to one of your boys in foreign service. We are glad to handle subscriptions for service men. His name may be added to your EVERY FAMILY list if you wish. The subscription price will be eight and one-third cents per month, or \$1.00 per year. This is the regular EVERY FAMILY rate.

"Sincerely."

### He Does Have an Interest In It

Bryan Simmons is one of the many 100% friends of The Baptist Record. Not long ago he held a meeting at Hamburg and one of the many results of that meeting was a nice list of Record readers. When we hear that he has been called as pastor of a church we watch the mail for the EVERY FAMILY list that we know will be coming. Writing about the Record he says, "I was in meetings in six churches during the crusade and, in a way, I am sorry I did not do better with the Record; but there are always handicaps. In this case it was the fact that the other five churches (three of them being my own) already had the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The fact of the business is that I have been interested in the Record for several years. About forty-two years ago I spoke in behalf of the paper at our Associational meeting and that night a dear pastor gave the young sprout some fatherly advice and in words about like these: 'Brother Simmons, you had better be careful about advocating the paper so strongly, the people may think you have an interest in it.' Through the years I have treated his advice according to the fellow's statement, 'Get everybody else's opinion and then do as you please.' Well, my delight is that many others have an interest in the paper and are getting returns on that interest by inducing others to take and read it."

### Another Mississippi College Student Shows the Way

Troy Prince, pastor of Providence church in Yazoo county, writes as follows: "Beginning this church year, the Record is going to be included in

## LOOKING AHEAD IN DISTRICT WORK

M. E. Perry, District Six

To say that the past few years as state evangelist have been interesting, pleasant and fruitful is to put it mildly, but to anticipate the possibilities of district work is to be thrilled.

Mississippi Baptists have the most active, aggressive and far-reaching program of any denomination in the State. There is no other group in the state that equals our Sunday school, B. T. U., W. M. U., Orphanage, debt-paying or any other type of work. For this we are thankful. Indeed, we are a fortunate group, and every individual who has a part in this work should get his or her chin up and look the world in the face.

Now our work has been augmented by four additional field men—able, capable and energetic. We are working on the group associational basis as districts. And this is right. The association is the basic co-operative unit of work. It is pliable, elastic and mutually understanding. The association is the inner circle of close Christian fellowship we both need and desire. It is largely self-centered without being selfish.

A mutual two-fold desire should motivate our efforts, namely: Missionary and Evangelistic. We should desire such a close unity of purpose that we will permit nothing to enter that will mar the tranquility of our peaceful efforts toward one common end.

Our needs are legion. Without slackening our training program we need to institute a program of WORK. Surely we do not have too much learning, but it is self-evident that we have been lax in putting into practice what we have learned. Our associations should be fully organized so that each phase of our work will be aggressively prosecuted until success crowns our efforts. Now, while we have the money to support a more responsible program we should have at least one full-time missionary in each association.

If these and other vital things are accomplished we must lay plans to bring them to pass. Associational organizations must be complete to the last detail. Outstanding leaders, both men and women, must be induced to lead out in this work. At least one meeting each year of these workers, as associational groups, should be held, aside from the annual associational meeting. We need to pray as never before. Two great theme songs would be of untold help: "Prayer Changes Things," and "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes."

May we appeal to the last adult and child to give of their best to the Master in this new and enlarged program.

—BR—

The Cross Roads church, Mantee, is enjoying excellent growth under their pastor, L. W. Estes, and a board of deacons who are cooperative and active. The Now Club subscription was over-subscribed, and contributions for all causes have increased.—W. H. Womack, reporter.

the budget. This seems the best way of getting every member of the church to receive the paper. The EVERY FAMILY Plan works up here."

May we suggest that this is a good example for lots of other pastors?

### Mt. Zion, Simpson County, is Over the Top

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, through Miss Althea Griffith, secretary and treasurer, sends us an EVERY FAMILY list of eighty-six names. More and more churches in Mississippi, without any outside solicitation, are seeing the value of The Baptist Record and realizing that "Informed Baptists are better Baptists." Rev. B. H. Benton is pastor of this church.

Simpson county Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHLEHEM 20; BRAXTON 37; PINOLA 58; DLO 15; KENNEDY SPRINGS 10; MENDENHALL 71; PINE GROVE 22; PLEASANT HILL 15; Sanatorium 1; Shivers 5; STRONG RIVER 16; County Line 8; JUNIPER 10; PLEASANT VALLEY 12; Weathersby 7; Coats 6; Goshen 2; CORINTH 21; PALESTINE 20; HARRISVILLE 50; Stonewall 7; ANTIOCH 15; Beulah 1; Siloam 2; White Oak 1; POPLAR SPRINGS 18; MT. ZION 87; GOODWATER 18.

## RURAL SCHOOLS AND BAPTIST LAYMEN IN CHILE

(Foreign Mission Board)—There are many country districts in Chile where there are no school facilities. Some time ago a fine layman and his wife, members of the El Redentor Baptist Church of Temuco, gave two acres of ground and good buildings for a school and church in that community. This school is flourishing and is known far and wide as an evangelical center where more than a hundred children each year receive primary education under distinctly evangelical influence.

More recently, Brother Enrique Figueroa, deacon of the First church, has yielded to the entreaties of the many families around his farm, has built a good building, and secured a teacher where some forty children—Indians and Chileans—are now in school under a Baptist teacher. Neither of these schools receives a cent of mission aid in any way.

—BR—

## MISSIONARIES IN OCCUPIED CHINA

(Foreign Mission Board)—Dr. C. D. Hayes, for many years our representative in Canton, China, received the following report concerning conditions in that great city:

"I have been able to send small amounts of money to the Leung Kwong Hospital, but it is now more difficult than ever to do this. Conditions in that city have grown seriously worse since last October. The actual fact is that all American men have been confined in one chapel building and all American women confined in the servants' house, while the consular representatives of our enemy country occupy the various homes. Our people in Shanghai seem to be well and fairly happy, but do not appear to have much hope of another repatriation contingent soon."

—BR—

## LATEST DEBT NEWS

J. E. Dillard

1. Southern Baptists have paid \$1,021,757.76 on the old Southwide debt since May 1, 1942, more than \$400,000 of it since January 1. Net balance May 1 is \$707,508.20.

2. The receipts of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club for April were \$98,273.88. This is \$17,648.45 ahead of the next largest month and only \$1,726.16 short of the goal set when the club started. The club receipts the first four months this year were 103.3% larger than for some period last year.

3. Twenty-six churches have notified me they are going to give to the Hundred Thousand Club the money they had intended to give their pastors for expenses to the Convention. Others will do so.

4. A great many churches and associations will observe Convention Day on or about May 12 and will make cash contributions to the Hundred Thousand Club to help us be entirely

DEBT-FREE IN '43—COUNT ON ME.

—BR—

Mrs. R. E. Estes, Jr., has sent in renewals for the West End Baptist Church subscribers at West Point.

Miss Ethel McKeithen is the featured leader in a series of lectures in Hazlehurst church May 10 through 17 at 7:30 o'clock each evening, on alcohol education.

Port Gibson church has voted unanimously to increase its gifts 100% to the Cooperative Program, sharing in all phases of the kingdom work. The whole church activity at Port Gibson is progressing under the leadership of Pastor Paul D. Boothe.

The Tutwiler Baptist Church has voted to begin plans for a building. A total of \$210 was in hand as a beginning. They plan to invest in war bonds, pending a suitable time to build. The following have been appointed on a building committee: Chairman, Herbert Everett; secretary-treasurer, Billy Knight; J. W. Kellum, O. E. Catledge and Mrs. J. W. Kellum. The adult members of the church recently enjoyed a banquet, with Hubert Bennett as toastmaster. A quartette composed of Mesdames Hubert Bennett, F. O. Martin, Herbert Everett and Billy Knight sang several enjoyable numbers. The W. M. S. served the dinner.—Reporter.

—BR—

Do your best for the B. M. C. endowment fund in June.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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## W.M.U. CAMPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Well do I remember as a youth, when I heard of a group meeting of young people going to my mother with this request: "May I go?" My further interest was determined by her reply.

This message from our Young People's secretary, to the presidents of W. M. U., is to tell of the anticipated group meetings that have been planned for the young people of Mississippi, so that you will be prepared to answer the question, "May I go?" when the boys and girls of your church turn to you.

The parents of some of those boys and girls are not financially able to send them and others are not missionary-minded enough to make plans for them.

As president of your society do not fail to do your part in helping the youth of your church to take advantage of these splendid missionary programs.

Dear President W. M. U.:

You have always been so cooperative in all of the plans set forth for the young people of our state and for the interest you have shown and the efforts you have made, I want to commend you. This world is in such deep need of the ONLY cure for its ills—even the GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST. The hope of speeding this message is YOUTH, and they are the ones who will determine tomorrow's life. We long for a better world but a better world comes only as better people are channels of God's grace in the world. WE MUST accept our responsibility in helping to create this better world. That responsibility forces upon us our opportunity with and for youth.

Our W. M. U. camp program for young people has come to mean a great deal in the lives of those who attend. Last summer we had 1838 present from more than 50% of the churches in which we have young people's organizations. Was your church represented? If not, why not? Will it be represented this year? The answer to this last question is yours to make. We hope that, because of your interest and effort, some of YOUR young people will be present in camp.

A SOUTHWIDE OPPORTUNITY for young women (Y. W. A's). Many societies help with the expenses of a young woman to attend this camp at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 17-24. Approximate cost for travel, room and board, expenses en route, etc., is \$40.00. This is an experience to be desired for every young woman in our state.

Ways in which you can help:

1. Read this letter to your W. M. S. Talk together about it. Act!
2. Present the camp plans to your young people.
3. Help with transportation. Make definite plans. Help the counselors.
4. Invest interest, effort and money in these "builders for tomorrow."

Sincerely,

EDWINA ROBINSON.

### Dates and Places For Camps

#### ROOSEVELT PARK (2 Miles From Morton)

Int. R. A. Camp	June 8-12
Int. G. A. Camp	June 29-July 2
Y. W. A. Camp	July 5-9
Jr. R. A. District Six (Meridian, etc.)	June 14-16
Jr. G. A. District Six (Meridian, etc.)	June 21-23
Jr. R. A. District One (Jackson, etc.)	June 17-19
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June 24-26

Jr. G. A. Perkinson Jr. College June 17-19

District Eight (Brookhaven, Natchez, McComb, etc.)

Jr. R. A. Co-Lin Jr. College, Wesson June 21-23

Junior girls—we have not been able to find a place or date for your camp! We had hoped to go back to Percy Quinn and it was not available—then we tried several colleges, none of which was available for various reasons. You are welcome (and we urge you to make your plans to this end) to attend one of the periods for Junior girls at Roosevelt Park, June 21-23 or July 2-4. If you want further information please write me.

#### CAMP TALLAHA (Near Charleston)

Jr. G. A. May 31-June 2

Jr. R. A. June 3-5

NATCHEZ TRACE PARK (Near Houston and Okolona)

Jr. R. A. May 31-June 2

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Missionaries and visiting speakers for camps: H. C. McConnell, China; V. L. David, Argentina; Paul Porter, Brazil; David Mein, Brazil; Wilma Weeks, China; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hancock, Indians; Dr. Duke McCall, president B. B. I., and Mrs. Shad Medlin, W. M. U. secretary First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. Of course none of these will be in all the camps but for the 14 camps planned these speakers are to help us.

#### LEONARD SEES NEED FOR MORE CHAPLAINS

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—More and more chaplains are needed for the armed forces—especially on the fighting fronts, according to a wireless message received here by the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains from Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, Methodist churchman now visiting service men overseas as the official representative of U. S. Protestantism.

Chaplains in the United Kingdom, Bishop Leonard declared, "are fearful there may be a slowing-down in the efforts being made by the churches to procure their best-trained and best-qualified ministers for the services."

He stated that a number of chaplains "have expressed great disappointment that more and better Christian literature is not available to army and navy service men."

Kaufman, Texas (RNS)—Because Private First Class Paul J. Bryant wrote a letter, a back-to-church movement was started at Kaufman. Pfc. Bryant wrote, in part: "As a soldier, I ask you point-blank: what are you, the church, doing that will be of help to us when we return?" Inspired by this letter, a back-to-church movement was started.

Do your best for the B. M. C. endowment fund in June.

#### LOST BOMBER PILOT PUTS FAITH IN GOD

Alone in a jungle in New Guinea, on a cloudy night, his back injured and his arm broken, without gun, knife or flashlight, a man understands the meaning of "utter helplessness," says Lieut. Albert Durant Simmons, bomber pilot, who has just returned to the United States.

"I had been the last to bail out when we had to abandon our plane. My parachute caught in a tree, and I had to work myself loose from it and drop to the ground, invisible in the darkness. I fell with a crash, straining my back and breaking my arm. I was in agony but unable to move.

"I asked God to spare my crew and me from death in the jungle. It is difficult to explain the strength and confidence which came to me. The conviction that God would bring me through was as strong as my previous feeling that death was so near. I seemed to feel a Presence near. Soon the day began to dawn, and I was able to get up and walk.

"For hours and hours I walked. Finally I found some water and drank. Just before dark, a party of friendly natives met me. They made a litter and carried me to the squadron.

"Some of the crew had returned before me. Two were still unaccounted for, but within ten days they returned, and all of us were safe. God had answered my prayer.

"I believe that I know something of what the writer meant when he said, 'Have faith in God,' and I know something of what my father meant when he used to talk of God and of the necessity of faith and prayer, when we used to gather around the family altar back home in South Carolina. I know that God does care, that He does answer prayer, and that He does work all things for good to them that love Him."—Now.

—BR—

#### EAGER LISTENERS

(Foreign Mission Board)—Writing from Rio de Janeiro, Southern Baptists' missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Hallock say: "Mr. Cowser is working in an unchurched section of the city that is very challenging. There is not even a Catholic church close by. A few weeks ago they had 450 children in the closing service of their Vacation Bible school. They conduct Sunday school and other services in two small buildings. Next to these is a vacant lot where the 450 children were placed for that closing service. Parents and others who attended the meeting had to stand in the street and wherever they could find room. Because of the limitation of space there are only seventy in Sunday school regularly. Pray for them. The people are poor.

—BR—

#### CHINA IN TEXAS

(Foreign Mission Board)—While the war is able to keep Southern Baptist missionaries out of China, it can not keep China out of the hearts of those missionaries. In Houston Texas, Miss Pearl Johnson of Chefoo is conducting a Chinese Sunday school which was organized May 5, 1940. The initial enrollment of fifteen has grown to seventy-five. Seventeen members of the Sunday school have been baptized. The Sunday school has sent to the Foreign Mission Board \$625.00 for Chinese Relief, and \$87.00 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. These earnest Chinese Christians are now endeavoring to raise funds to erect a church building of their own.



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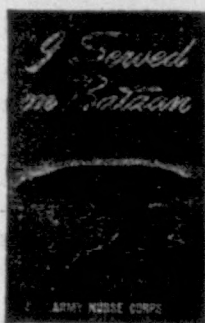
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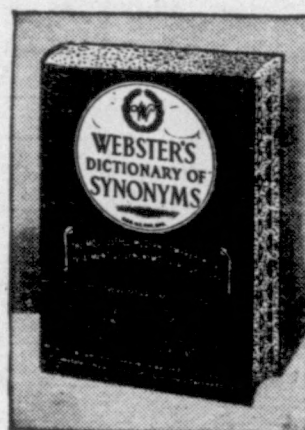
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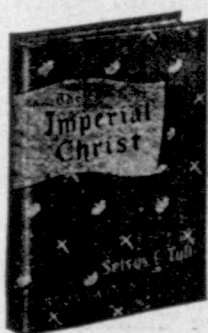
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## Sunday School Department

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### Evangelistic Opportunity

Out of 3,830 Vacation Bible schools reporting in the South in 1942 there were 12,692 conversions. Of this number, more than 500 of them were from Mississippi schools.

All of us realize that the Evangelistic emphasis is without doubt the major item that should be included in the program of any Sunday school. Everything should be done in this direction that can be in order to win the lost to Christ.

Yet, how many churches are omitting from their regular yearly program one of the very finest opportunities of Evangelistic emphasis, as well as that of giving the boys and girls a great program of Bible teaching and other helpful phases that come in the course of a Vacation Bible school. Let us not fail our boys and girls in the glorious opportunity that comes through the Vacation schools.

We are now at the beginning of that time of the year. June will be the greatest of the months for Vacation schools, with many of them coming in May, July and August. Now is the time to make plans. Now is the time to get the principal and other faculty members enlisted, to secure the textbooks, to train the faculty, and to advertise the work in the church and community.

It is most encouraging to get so many reports of plans already made or in the making for 1943 Vacation schools.

### Pike Association

We have recently received a report from Miss Mattie Mae Burkett, secretary of the First Baptist Church of McComb and Associational Bible school leader, to the effect that she already has two complete sets of Vacation school books that have been provided for her use in the associational work this summer. That is really getting down to business in a most definite way. She plans to promote schools in every church possible that has not had one, as well as those that have it in their regular program.

### Yes, It's Training

We have now on our desk 14 applications for Standard recognition, some class, some department, and some schools.

Each of these 14 is being held up for the same reason, namely, lack of sufficient training credits. This morning we received three applications for standard Adult classes and each of them was short on the same point, namely, training.

Yes, it's training. Training counts in many ways. It counts in the efficiency of a Sunday school program, whether it is that of the group, class, department or school.

Officers and teachers are just better workers when they are trained. Many schools have it as a very definite part of their yearly program to promote at least one Sunday school training class some time during the year. Many of them have more than one class each year.

But, alas! many of them have no training whatever at all during a full year's work. Certainly, the best could not be expected where the people are

not trained. Not that they do not want to do their best, but they simply do not know how. We cannot do if we don't know, no matter how willing we may be.

Yes, it's training that counts in building a bigger and better Sunday school, something that every real leader is striving to do. We should not be satisfied with what we have already attained, however good that may be, but should still be working toward doing even better all the time.

Therefore, Brother Pastor and Brother Superintendent, one of the finest things you can do for your Sunday school is to plan each year for at least one Sunday school training course to help officers, teachers and pupils in Young People's and Adult classes, become better workers. We may not get all of them to take it, but neither do we get all the people to preach to, or to come to Sunday school, or to do any other one thing.

Yes, it's training that counts.

### May 30

May has a fifth Sunday. It is May 30.

Therefore, there will be many associational Sunday school meetings held in the state on the fifth Sunday in May. Many of our associations have their meetings only on fifth Sundays; some have them monthly; some yearly, and some not at all.

Since May 30 will be a great day in many associations because of regular meetings being held then, it should be a day of great and definite planning in trying to enlist churches in certain definite phases of the work for the summer. Those churches that put on a well balanced program each year can be helpful to those that do not by giving them information and encouragement about these things.

Two of the main items that should come up for careful consideration at these associational meetings on May 30 should be planning for a Vacation Bible school in every church and a teacher training course. Along with these two items, there can also be considered such important phases as a Cradle Roll for every school; an Extension department for every school, church libraries and standards.

It is always a great deal better to pick out a few of the main items and work hard to put over as many of those as possible than to give a scant consideration to a great number of things and possibly not do any of them. The ones we suggest above are surely among those that ought to be prominent in the program of every Sunday school.

If these associational meetings amount to all they should and can mean, it calls for definite planning of the program and assignment of the parts well in advance. We cannot wait until the time is practically here and then expect the best meeting. We certainly will be looking forward to getting reports of these meetings and learning of some of the definite plans that were made in the interest of the Sunday school programs.



MARTIN V. MCKINSTER

Among the recent graduates of the Baptist Bible Institute serving in Mississippi pastorates is Martin V. McKinster, pastor at Crowder. A native of West Virginia, member of a family noted for the Baptist preachers it gave to the world, Bro. McKinster took his college training at Broadus College in West Virginia, and at Mississippi College in Clinton. Formerly serving as pastor of the Baptist church in Huntington, West Virginia, he is now enjoying a most successful pastorate at Crowder, Miss. Mrs. McKinster is the former Grace Sigrest, of Hillsboro, and is a graduate of the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Jackson and also of the Baptist Bible Institute.

We regret our lack of success in efforts to secure pictures of other graduates of the Baptist Bible Institute.

### IN MEMORY OF LT. SPIVA T. CARTER

The beautiful, sweet life of Spiva T. Carter came to an end on November 3, 1942, in a plane crash at the Greenville, Mississippi, Air Base while taking off to return to Columbus, Miss. He was born in Louisville, Miss., on May 6, 1920. When thirteen years old, with his parents he moved to Belzoni, Mississippi, where he finished high school in 1938. He attended Sunflower Junior College, finishing there in May, 1941.

Then when the dark clouds of war covered this earth he decided to join the U. S. Army Air Corps. It was on September 4, 1941, when he left our happy home to enter training. After completing his training on April 29, 1942, he received his silver wings and was commissioned as second lieutenant. At the time of his tragic death he was flight instructor at the Columbus, Miss., Army Flying School. Spiva was a member of the Belzoni Baptist Church, and to know him was to love him.

His life was oh, so short, just 22 years. But his life is a sweet memory, for no one ever lived a purer, sweeter life than he. Oh, how we miss you here, my darling. No sweet letters come to us now from our precious little soldier boy. The world is so dark, my life so sad and lonely here without you, my baby boy. Just one year ago today when you

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At Poplarville a service flag with 25 stars was raised in the church. H. K. Rouse made a stirring speech. The flag was presented for the Ladies' Aid by Mrs. J. E. Batson.

N. T. Tull in the budget laymen department said: Mississippi Baptists gave more to home and foreign missions than ever before . . . without putting any campaigners in the field.

The commencement sermon at Clarke College was preached by W. A. Hewitt of Jackson. G. O. Parker was the valedictorian of the graduating class, and M. J. Carter, salutatorian. The address was given by Bracey Campbell.

In a black bordered box the following appeared in the B. Y. P. U. column: "Funeral notice: The members of the Fifteenth Avenue B. Y. P. U. of Meridian announce . . . the death of Mr. Quarterly Reading."

First church, Vicksburg, and Hazehurst church reported fine revivals.

### FAITHFUL SERVANT

Matt. 24:45

"We buy bonds, not beer," was the slogan of 2,000 young people attending the Texas Baptist Student Convention at Dallas in October, 1942, as they marched through the downtown section. Participants in this youth march were limited to those who bought war stamps or bonds. Sixteen \$25 bonds have already been purchased and presented to Dr. Maddy, of the Southern Baptist Mission Board, to be used in establishing the Southwest (Free) China Mission.

Do your best for the B. M. C. endowment fund in June.

got your wings, how happy and proud we were over our wonderful little son. But God knew best and took you from us out of this world of war and sorrow into a land of peace and rest.

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### A-1 Unions for First Quarter 1943

We are happy to report four adult unions, five young people's unions, eight intermediate unions, and five junior unions reached their standard for the first quarter of this year. We list these unions here: Adult, Beaumont; Pilgrims Rest in Panola county; Lipscomb and Ferrell, Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson. Young People's, Beaumont; Lorena; Edgar Smith, Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson; Fidelity, Parkway church, Jackson. Intermediates, Beaumont; Pilgrims Rest, Panola; county; Lorena; Ross, Brookhaven; Mt. Creek, Rankin county; Center Ridge, Yazoo county; Bethesda, Hinds-Warren Association; Toppers, Griffith Memorial church, Jackson. Juniors, Beaumont; Live Wire, New Albany; Pilgrim's Rest, Panola county; Center Ridge, Yazoo county; Loyal Workers, Griffith Memorial church, Jackson.

Your union may have been A-1. Did you check your records and send in your report? Why not give your members that additional encouragement that the receiving of the A-1 award will give? The standard is within reach of every union.

### Saturday Night Prayer Covenant

"That my country may be blest, the saved revived, the lost saved, and Christ be praised; I hereby covenant with others in my church and tens of thousands in Baptist Churches in our Southland to pray each Saturday night for the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit to enlarge the attendance of my church the next day, and to make effective the witness of the word as it is taught and preached." If you are willing to sign such a covenant, Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., will be glad to send to you a book mark (card) with this covenant printed on it.

Our list of volunteers for summer Training Union work grows. Write us if you are interested in making a part of your summer count in a definite way to kingdom progress.

### Petal-Harvey is Host to Associational Meeting

The April meeting of the Lebanon Association was held with the Petal-Harvey church with a splendid attendance of 323. Nine pastors were in attendance and it was reported to be one of the best meetings of the association ever held. The octet from Mississippi Southern College rendered special music, as did members from Fifth Avenue church. The devotional was conducted by Rev. Lloyd Shelton, short talks were given by representatives from 38th Avenue, Providence, Zion Hill and Petal-Harvey churches. The inspirational message was brought by Rev. C. S. Moulder, B. S. U. secretary at Mississippi Southern, his subject being "Divine Priority Over Self, Substance and Service." Rev. Garland McInnis, associational director, in reporting the meeting says they are making plans to run a school bus to Ridgecrest this summer

carrying a crowd from the association. This association is also making plans for an enlargement campaign for the last week in September. Fifty or sixty workers from out of the association will be used and it is expected to be the largest program of its kind we have had in Mississippi, and one of the largest we have had in the South.

### A Word About Ridgecrest

Many of you have been waiting for a word about Ridgecrest. The Ridgecrest program will be carried out as it was last year with two weeks given to Training Union work. The first week of Training Union will begin Wednesday, July 21, the second week will begin Wednesday, July 28th. Note the change—this is to avoid heavy week-end travel. We are not sure we will be able to run buses from Mississippi. We are still hopeful that we can get buses, but we cannot announce that now. Just as soon as we know definitely we will notify you through this department.

Again we call your attention to the study course book **ALCOHOL THE DESTROYER**. This book is being used widely. We are glad to note its popularity. We hope to have a good report on the study course in Laurel where this was the exclusive study with its author, Mr. C. Aubrey Hearn of Nashville, teaching it. Your church will make a contribution to your entire community, and especially to your young people by having this course in your church.

Our district secretaries have been doing a good job advertising the District Conventions. For four months they have released—once each month—a news item to each weekly newspaper in their district. Many of these editors are cooperating and giving space to these announcements. We appreciate this service, both on the part of the secretaries and editors.

### Skene Training Union Growing

Thanks to Pastor Charles H. Skutt of the Skene Baptist Church for a good report on their recent Training School. The church had been without a pastor for some months, hence the organizations were somewhat depleted, but with the coming of Brother Skutt a good Sunday school and a good Training Union have been promoted. The preaching attendance is fine, and the spirit of the people is wonderful. Thirty-nine took the examination in the training school and awards have been sent to these.

### Pascagoula Churches Combine in Training School

The week of April 25-30, Lincoln Avenue and First church of Pascagoula joined hands in a Training School for the Training Union. The meetings were held at First church each evening, four classes were taught beginning at 7:30. At 8:15 a twenty minute intermission was observed where the records for the day were checked and a fun period observed, and what a good time we had!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
New Albany First	474	150
Calvary Jackson	929	198
Yazoo City First	231	
Friendship (Lincoln)	63	51
Ackerman	98	33
Kreole	115	30
Louisville First	323	81
West Laurel	566	142
Crystal Springs	350	114
Old Town	112	65
Bethlehem (Jones)	90	65
West End	76	59
Olive Branch	69	35
Enon (Panola)	59	
Cross Roads (Webster)	55	
Jackson First	954	263
Sardis (Neshoba)	58	
Yazoo City First (May 2)	229	

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### IN MEMORY OF ELAINE LEA ANDREWS

Inasmuch as our all-wise Heavenly Father has seen fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved sister and co-worker, Elaine, and

Inasmuch as our love and devotion to her are binding, we, as the Willing Workers Sunday school class subscribe to her memory the following tribute of respect:

Resolved, First: That she was a Christian of rare faith in her Lord Jesus, never missing an opportunity to service Him according to her capacity;

Resolved, Second: That we will never cease to miss her from our class. Her service as secretary until she became physically disabled was an example of loyalty to her love for Kingdom work; and that her influence for good and righteousness in her home, church and community, was outstanding;

Resolved, Third: To her loved ones who are in the depths of sorrow, let these words of comfort be yours:

"When He leads thro' some valley of trouble,

His omniscient hand we trace;  
For the trials and sorrows He sends us,  
Are part of His lessons of grace."

We will miss her too, for we loved her. Mary Walsh, Blanche Minks, Myrtis Turnipseed and Bess Wren, committee.

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### SEMINARY SUMMER SCHOOL

The summer school of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will open May 24 and close July 16. Courses will be offered in Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Doctrine, Church History, Missions, Ecclesiology, Social Ethics, Evangelism, Religious Education, Recreational Leadership, Ministry of Music, Harmony, and other related

These young people are being taught the value of the right kind of a good time. At Second Baptist Church during the same hours four classes were taught for the members of their Training Union, and a social period was enjoyed during the intermission. The attendance from all three churches was gratifying and it was counted as a profitable week. It was the pleasure of your state secretary to help in this program, and through the influence of friends was privileged to see a ship launched in the ship yards. It was the "Sea Scamp." It was a beautiful sight to see it slide, swiftly, into the water soon to take her place in the affairs of the world.

We will have moving pictures of some of our Baptist work in Mississippi as part of the evening program in the District Training Union Conventions.

fields. All the classes will be taught by regular teachers of the Seminary.

The summer school provides a good opportunity for those who have completed their college work to begin immediately their theological preparation. An increasing number of pastors and other church workers have been using the few weeks of the summer school to renew their contact with seminary life and to refresh their mental and spiritual lives. Anyone desiring a catalogue can secure one by writing to T. B. Maston, Director of the Summer School, or to S. A. Newman, Registrar, Seminary Hill, Texas. The fall term opens Monday, September 6.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson For May 16  
**PETER AND JOHN PREACH  
 TO THE SAMARITANS**  
 Bible Text: Acts 8:4-25

### Introduction.

I venture the assertion that whoever gave the title to this lesson did it wholly to gratify a wish to star Peter and John. No man, looking at this passage in an effort to determine the subject of the thought of God in it, would select, "Peter and John Preach to the Samaritans." It is only by the very widest possible stretch of the meaning of the language of the passage that the subject assigned to it can be made to fit it or even to sit on it, though it sits all askew. Read the chapter from verse 1 to 25; look at what it really says, while you read the passage, slowly, carefully.

I. Saul, Philip, Simon. Vv. 1-13.

Stephen passes out of the picture with the close of chapter 7. He bore his wonderful testimony and finished it in the act described by Luke in the words, "He fell asleep." So exit Stephen from this theatre of action; so enters Stephen into heaven, into the realm of light and life and glory, into the glorified presence of his welcoming Lord, into the ineffable glory of God. His work on earth is taken up by others now, that work being opposed and thereby furthered by one Saul.

Saul of Tarsus. That name speaks the word, "persecution." The great persecution which broke against the church on the day of Stephen's martyrdom centers around Saul. Those who stoned Stephen, "Laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul," v. 58. Now look at v. 1 of chapter 8. "Saul was approving of his death." Who is this man? Lay down this paper now, and open your Bible at Philippians 3:2-6. Read it. This is Saul's description of himself 30 years after Christ had taken him prisoner for life. Saul was a Hebrew, of Hebrew parentage; a Pharisee, therefore, of the spiritual party of the Hebrew people; "persecuting the (disciples of Christ) church," he was intensely devoted to what he believed to be true; "as touching the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless." He was true to the light as he saw it. "Oh, then, he was all right! He lived up to the light he had." Brother, if you have ever been obsessed by the conviction that a man is all right when he lived up to his light, you have been duped by the devil, and need to study the story of this man, an enemy of God while doing that which he considered an inescapable religious duty. So the story of a persecution gathers around Saul, "a Hebrew of Hebrews; a spiritual realist; a zealous man; a man convinced; a man sincere; a man determined; a man with a clean moral record. Under this man's leadership the church was scattered, and Saul was forcing the disciples to have fellowship with the Lord in His sufferings. That not only, but Saul was forcing the Christians to do the work of missionaries. They testified for Jesus, and the more they

testified, the farther Saul chased them from Jerusalem, and the farther he chased them, the wider they sowed the word of truth. When do you suppose those Jerusalem Christians would have become foreign missionaries if Saul had not chased them away from home? As they ran from Saul, they ran into the country the Lord had told them to evangelize, "All Judea and Samaria" (Acts 1:8). Now, let me ask you a question: "Who did all this chasing and scattering and witnessing and winning?" Saul and the disciples, or God? Well, then, let us think of how God got the gospel out of Jerusalem through a bunch whose members in all likelihood would not have gone had God not allowed the devil to unleash a vicious, blood-thirsty, wolf-man to chase them out of their comfortable retreats in the city.

2. Philip. Acts 6:2-6.

Find out who this man is, one of the seven, chosen not especially to preach, but to dispense among the poor widows of the congregation the largess of the church. He was among those who were scattered, and he went to the city of Samaria, to the despised mixed breeds of that despised city, and preached to them. He preached with power, because he was under the impulse of that power, and his witness was so potent that Samaria became a new centre for the propagation of the truth. Here Philip came into the conflict with Simon the sorcerer. These men stand in contrast; because Philip proclaimed Jesus Simon proclaimed himself. The preaching of Jesus won, and Simon submitted to it. Here is something I do not understand: "Simon also himself believed; and, having been baptized, he was adhering closely to Philip." The same words are used concerning this belief and baptism as are used concerning the others; how, then, were their actions sincere and true and Simon's not? Here was a case in which men came into intellectual assent and consent, yet lacked for a little while the touch of the Spirit which gives life. The movement in Samaria became popular, and in that is danger.

3. Simon. Vv. 9-25.

Read the passage. Simon thought to obtain the gift of God with money. I am of the opinion that he was not the last man to try that. To buy a Christian character, a Christian influence, a Christian power with money, appears to me to be an action indulged in by numbers of misguided men since Simon's day. But maybe the peril which threatened the church in Samaria in the case of Simon, was just the peril of intellectual assent in profession and of consent in the act of baptism. That peril has remained, has overtaken the church in different years, and has filled what we may call the visible church with unregenerate people, people who accept a truth with the intellect, but who have not yielded to the inflow and indwelling of the life-giving Spirit.

III. Visitation, Discipline, Evangelism. Vv. 14-25.

Read it. Now see how heroic a part John and Peter played! Understand me, I am not trying to pluck a bit of honor from either of them, but just seeing the march of events as they appear to my eyes. Peter and John were still in Jerusalem. What doing? I don't know, but I know that

### AN OPPORTUNITY

(Foreign Mission Board)—Some time ago, a delegation of Mapuche Indians from a country district in Chile, came to our missionary, Mr. R. C. Moore, making a proposition concerning a school: "We will deed a hectare of land (over two acres) and we will build the house, and we guarantee to support the teacher. All we want you to do is to send a good evangelical teacher who will teach

no word tells us that they were doing anything special for the Lord. Then one day the news got to Jerusalem that a great revival had broken out in the city of Samaria. Could they have said, "We better go down there and see that the thing does not get out of hand under the preaching of this fledged deacon Philip?" I believe that is about what they did say. They went down to subdue the forest first penetrated by the daring pioneer, the trail-blazer.

2. But it was a good thing they did go down. The work needed the skill they brought to bear upon it, the approval their ministry conferred upon it. Note their treatment of Simon, still in the "gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." Did Simon get right? Was the request he made of Peter the request of a truly repentant soul? At least you may say with confidence that this incident was a wholesome lesson to the church.

3. Evangelism. Peter and John got on fire in Samaria. They went down to Samaria to inspect, they came away full of that which enabled them to witness, nay, compelled them to witness all the way back to Jerusalem.

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1. Who was Hilkiah, as mentioned in II Kings 22:8, and when did he serve the people?

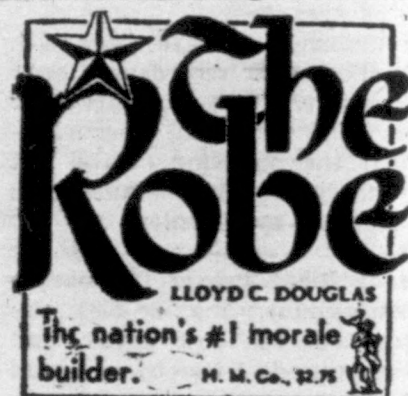
2. Shepherds and camel herders of Bible times slept by night with only an old coat as a covering. They complained. Why?

3. Brass is a valuable metal, and where in the Bible will you find a plentiful supply of it?

4. Rod and staff are mentioned in Psalm 23:4. Do you know to what different purposes they were put?

(Correct answer on Page 15)

our children the gospel as well as other things." Mr. Moore writes: "So far we have been unable to help them, but a splendid Indian lad from that district is studying in the Baptist Seminary and hopes to be able to give his life to the evangelization of his own community. God grant that it may be so!"



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Dr. A. T. Robertson refers to Matt. 11:29 (Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;) as an advertisement for Christ's school—the beginning of Christian education. He points out that yoke is a metaphor used by the Jews for teaching. The rabbis used it for school as many pupils find it now a yoke. One of Christ's reasons for coming to His school was because "a specialist was in charge of it," a teacher fully accredited by the Word of God. Jesus is an expert in the knowledge of God. Christ is a master teacher.

Christ's school was for the "plodders and puzzled," Matt. 11:28 (Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden,) as well as for the alert and brilliant. Babes can learn in Christ's school. Matt. 11:25 (. . . because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.) The mark of a master teacher is that his teaching is done in such a way that the simple as well as the more advanced may learn great truths from him. In Christ's school the gentleness of the teacher, Matt. 11:29 (. . . for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls), creates a beautiful relationship of sympathy and understanding between teacher and pupil; so that the soul, as well as the mind, is refreshed in the process of learning.

Christ goes on to say that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Moffatt translates easy as kindly. So we see that in time His yoke, or instruction, is easy, or kindly, and the burden of learning becomes light, and is no longer a yoke.

When we speak of Christian education, we should feel almost as though we were on holy ground; for, if it is truly Christian education, it is Christ in education.

\*From the beginning of Blue Mountain College seventy years ago, its founder and his successors and the faculty throughout the years have sought to magnify Christ in and out of the class room, in their lives and in their teaching. Their pattern has always been that first Christian education school mentioned in Matt. 11:29. As the world becomes more complex, and materialism and paganism is rampant, young mothers who have received an education and a training tempered with the spirit of Christ are more likely to preserve the time-honored ideals of the Christian home; and out of such homes has come, and will always come, the greatness of America.

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Cherry Creek church in Pontotoc county was organized in May 1943 and is having its centennial celebration the fifth Sunday in May with a Home Coming. An all-day program is being planned for the day with lunch served at the church. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—The Committee.

Rehobeth Baptist Church featured Mother's Day preaching service with an excellent message by R. M. Williams, and an offering for the Orphanage, amounting to \$12.92.—David C. Hawthorne.

## "I WEAR WHITE, ON MOTHER'S DAY"

On Mother's Day, in my lapel  
I must wear white.  
Friends will red carnations pin.  
To envy them, would mean to sin.  
God hath ordained; He knoweth best;  
I must wear white.  
My memories are keener now  
Of mother's hands,—her weary brow,  
Her toils were silenced long ago.  
I must wear white.  
The burdens that my mother bore  
I should have helped to carry more.

Regrets are heavy on my heart  
As I wear white.  
I can't turn back, I can't atone.  
Forgive me, mother,—me alone.  
—I ask too late;  
I must wear white.

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RUSSIAN CHURCH LEADER VISITS  
WAR AREA

Apprised by cable that many churches of the United States are joining in a "Write to Russia" program sponsored by Russian War Relief, Nicolai, the Russian Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Kiev and Galitsky, has sent a radioed letter to American church members reporting the myriad ways in which his church is devoting itself to supporting the fight against Nazism.

The Metropolitan, besides being head of the Orthodox church in Russia, is a member of a special government commission charged with investigating reports of Nazi atrocities and vandalism. He has toured the re-occupied regions of the Soviet Union almost constantly since the Red Army began pushing the Germans backward.

The Metropolitan reveals for the first time some of his personal sufferings from the war. One of his three sisters died in the siege of Leningrad, two others still are in the just-rescued city.

He confirms, as an eye-witness, the many reports of Nazi atrocities against the Russian populace.

"Everywhere that the Hitlerites' feet have trodden," he writes, "I have seen ruins of demolished schools, museums, libraries, hospitals and churches. In Rzhev the Nazis destroyed the Uspensky Cathedral, the Polish Catholic Church and fifteen others. They looted Pokrovskaya church and carried off all valuables. On their retreat from Sychevka, the Germans blew up all seven churches as well as the cathedral and monastery.

"Near a village in the Kholmetsy Sychevka district I saw the remains of old people, women and children, driven by order of the German commander along a mined road.

"Those inhabitants of towns and villages who escaped with their lives, hiding during the German occupation in the woods, gullies and dugouts, are now seen stretching in a long line along the roads, bound for their home," his radiogram says. "In the majority of cases they return to find only ashes and ruins."

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## The Brotherhood Yardstick

By LAWSON H. COOKE  
BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD OF THE SOUTH

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## THE BROTHERHOOD YARDSTICK

We use, for our yardstick, a very simple and practical definition which has been often heard around the Southern Baptist Convention: A Brotherhood is a group of consecrated men promoting the whole program of their church and of the denomination, and trying to get every other man within the church to do the same thing.

## CONSECRATED MEN

The membership of a Brotherhood is to be confined to consecrated men for the obvious reason that none but a consecrated man will promote the whole program of a church. This restriction necessarily will reduce the enrollment of a Brotherhood at the start, because, unfortunately, not every man who is a member of a Baptist church is a consecrated man. It may also cause embarrassment and tax the patience and enthusiasm of some men who are interested in a large enrollment and attendance.

The old plan which included every man in the church, and a big banquet with a prominent speaker as the chief attraction of the Brotherhood, has long since proven its inadequacy. The present plan of a consecrated, working group, has distinctly justified itself by the influence which is being felt in churches all over the Convention. It must be remembered, however, that this smaller group is only a beginning; the ultimate is "every other man within the church."

The word "promoting" is used rather than the more common word "supporting," because it suggests a more intimate and a more positive relationship. An enterprise can be supported by remote control, and without a particular personal attachment and interest. But, if one is to promote the enterprise, he must be in the midst of it, with a deep personal interest and concern for its success. To use several very simple illustrations:

1. The Community Fund drive is on in the city. A solicitor calls on me for a pledge. In signing the pledge, I am, to that extent, supporting the Community Fund, but the solicitor, who called on me for the pledge, is promoting it. I may or may not be concerned for the success of the campaign, but the solicitor is deeply interested in every phase of it, and will be keenly disappointed if it fails in its objectives.

2. A man does not attend the services of his church for twelve months, but, at the end of that time, sends a check for a substantial amount to the treasurer. In doing so, he is financially supporting his church; but, in view of his neglect of the services, it can hardly be said that he is promoting the whole program.

3. Another man attends regularly the Business Men's Bible Class, but makes no financial contribution, and refuses to accept any definite responsibility. His regular attendance in the Bible class is, to that extent, supporting the class, but, his refusal of definite participation disqualifies him as a promoter of the whole program of the church. Indeed, he may not be a member of that church—this often is the case.

## THE WHOLE PROGRAM

The first step in arranging a program of activities for a Brotherhood is to discover the full program of the church. The next step is to throw the full strength of the men of the Brotherhood into that program. The objective is to develop a church consciousness; to have men thinking in terms of the church—the whole church—and everything it is undertaking to do. The Brotherhood is not to engage in extra-church programs and projects but confine itself to the program of the church. Obviously that would mean, among other things, increasing the attendance upon the stated services of the church; increasing attendance upon and participation in the work of the Sunday school and Training Union; increasing the number of regular contributors as well as the amount of present contributions; above all, winning souls to Christ. In short, doing everything that men can do in and for their church.

It has been estimated that seventy-five percent of the members of the Young People's Departments of our Sunday schools never enter the Adult Departments. It is also estimated that there are two million, seven hundred and fifty thousand members of Southern Baptist churches who are not enrolled in Sunday schools. About one-half of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have no Training Union organization. Not twenty-five per cent of the men of Southern Baptist churches attend even the Sunday morning preaching service. A lamentably small percentage of church members contribute to the financial support of their churches, and it is now taking twenty-four church members twelve months to win one soul to Christ.

In promoting the whole program of the church, and of the denomination, the objective of the Brotherhood is to strengthen all these departments and activities of the church, and, by liberal contributions through the Cooperative Program, promote the worldwide program of Southern Baptists.

## EVERY OTHER MAN

In our definition of Brotherhood, we use the words, "and try to get every other man within the church to do the same thing." In this group (every other man), we have the unenlisted men—perhaps seventy-five percent of the men in the average church. The task of the Brotherhood is to approach these men sympathetically, prayerfully, understandingly and frankly, in an effort to enlist them in a positive participation in the activities of their church. It is an all-out movement to mobilize all the man power of our churches back of the whole program of those churches. Many plans will suggest themselves for bringing this about. There is no successful plan, however, which does not involve persistence, prayer, patience and hard work.

Our measurement, then, involves the questions: How many unenlisted men within the membership of this church are being seriously and persistently contacted? In how many cases have we really learned the actual reasons for their unenlistment? How many of these men are being personally visited in their homes or places of business? How many prayer meetings are being conducted in those homes by the men of the Brotherhood?

This is the most important and, potentially, the most fruitful field in which a Brotherhood can work. It should be our definite and permanent field of operation. This field includes, perhaps, more than one million men in the aggregate throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. To bring the matter closer home, seventy-five of each one hundred men in the average church.

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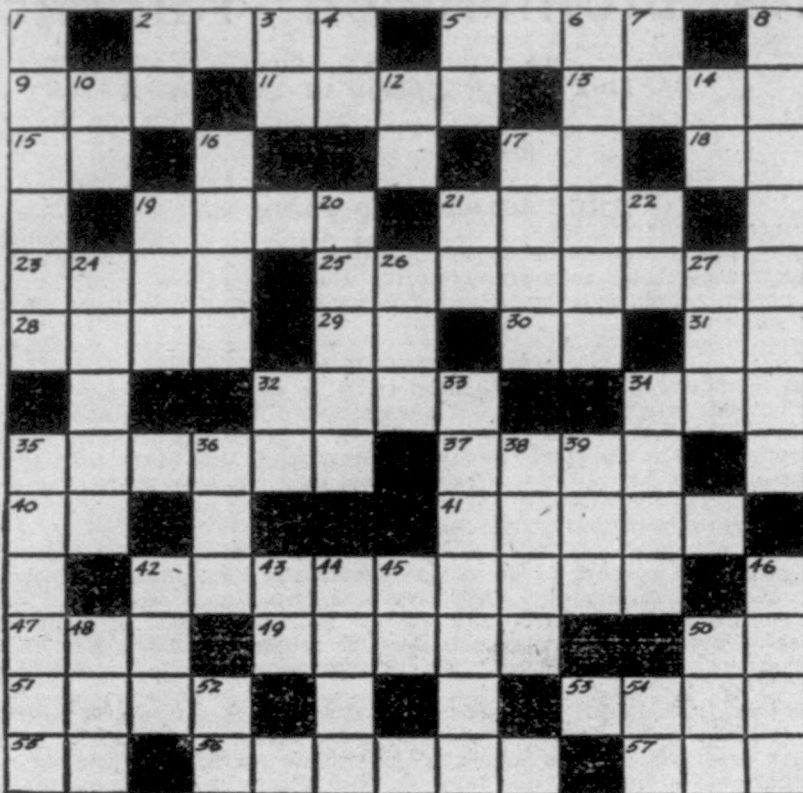
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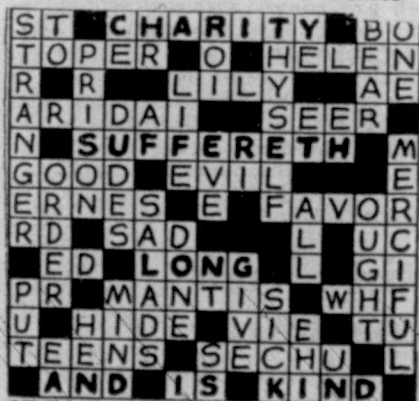


"Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity."  
—Eccl. 1:2.

## VANITY

- Across**
- 2 "Therefore . . . thou to thy God," Hos. 12:6.
- 5 "and take . . . all thy tin," Isa. 1:25.
- 9 "Why make ye this . . . and weep," Mark 5:39.
- 11 "not lifted up his . . . unto vanity," Ps. 24:4.
- 13 "but the Father's which . . . me," John 14:24.
- 15 " . . . I am with you alway," Matt. 28:20.
- 17 "he maketh the judges of the earth . . . vanity," Isa. 40:23.
- 18 Ancestor of Jesus, Luke 3:28.
- 19 "I said in . . . heart, Go to now," Eccl. 2:1.
- 21 " . . . of man are never satisfied," Prov. 27:20.
- 23 Periods of time.
- 25 "all was vanity and . . . of spirit," Eccl. 2:11.
- 28 "There is a vanity which is . . . upon the earth," Eccl. 8:14.
- 29 For example.
- 30 High school; here lies (Latin).
- 31 Vicar general.
- 32 "Remove far . . . me vanity and lies," Prov. 30:8.
- 34 "men of high degree are a . . ." Ps. 62:9.
- 35 " . . . men of low degree are vanity," Ps. 62:9.
- 37 "This . . . is vanity," Eccl. 2:21.
- 40 Old English.
- 41 Intimidate.
- 42 "in every place, . . . the evil and the good," Prov. 15:3.
- 47 "how long will it be . . . they believe me," Num. 14:11.
- 49 "A fool's lips . . . into contention," Prov. 18:6.
- 50 Western continent.
- 51 "altogether lighter . . . vanity," Ps. 62:9.
- 53 "when ye . . . use not vain repetitions," Matt. 6:7.
- 55 "He saith among the trumpets . . .," Job 39:25.
- DOWN**
- 1 "If I have . . . with vanity," Job 31:5.
- 2 "Man is like . . . vanity," Ps. 144:4.
- 3 Royal Society.
- 4 "shall see . . . more vanity," Ezek. 13:23.
- 5 Indian plant used for dyeing.
- 6 Estate.
- 7 "Because . . . have spoken vanity," Ezek. 13:8.
- 8 "a . . . eateth it: this is vanity," Eccl. 6:2.
- 10 "I can of mine own self . . . nothing," John 5:30.
- 12 "as soon as the sun is . . ." Judges 9:33.
- 14 Compass point.
- 16 "why was I then more . . ." Eccl. 2:15.
- 17 Lady's maid.
- 19 "thoughts of . . . that they are vanity," Ps. 94:11.
- 20 "surely . . . man is vanity," Ps. 39:11.
- 21 Second book in the Bible.
- 22 Silicon.
- 24 Rascal.
- 26 Self.
- 27 Combining form meaning egg.
- 32 Flemish.
- 33 Angriest.
- 34 "how . . . will ye love vanity," Ps. 4:2.
- 35 "that . . . iniquity shall reap vanity," Prov. 22:8.
- 36 First woman.
- 38 Den.
- 39 "no new thing under the . . ." Eccl. 1:9.
- 42 Girl's nickname.
- 43 "For . . . cometh in with vanity," Eccl. 6:4.
- 44 Second son of Judah, Gen. 38:4.
- 45 Lieutenant.
- 46 "for my . . . are vanity," Job 7:16.
- 48 Royal horse artillery.
- 50 "I . . . daily with you teaching," Matt. 26:55.
- 52 New version.
- 54 Japanese measure.

## Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



## GLOW OF YOUTH

I once saw lying side by side in a great work shop, two heads made of metal. The one was perfect—all the features of a manly, noble face came out clear and distinct in their lines of strength and beauty; in the other scarcely a single feature could be recognized—it was all marred and spoiled. "The metal had been allowed to grow a little too cool,

## CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Chester M. Savage  
Called and Accepted

Chase W. Jennings, Carpenter Street, Moberly, Mo.  
Floyd J. Hanks, Emanuel, Springfield, Mo.

Ralph Smith, Ravia, Okla.  
Vernon Sisco, Ridgely, Tenn.  
W. S. Bates, Jr., Estill Springs, Ky.  
T. H. King, West Frankfort, Ill.  
C. B. Price, Eufaula, Ala.

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J. L. Drake, Monroe, Ga.  
Eph Whisenhunt, Clayton, N. C.  
O. B. Beverly, Flora, Miss.  
P. D. Fullingim, Quitaque, Tex.

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Vernon Sisco, Trezevant, Tenn.

W. J. Bolin, Springhead, Lakeland, Fla.

T. H. King, South Highland, Bessemer, Ala.

C. B. Price, Arcadia, Fla.  
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R. H. Dorris, Ida, La.  
J. L. Drake, Lake Wales, Fla.

Eph Whisenhunt, Norton, Va.  
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O. B. Beverly, Paynes, Miss.

## LETTER TO CHAPLAIN'S WIFE

Mrs. J. D. Foster,  
703 McAllister St.  
Greenville, Mississippi.

Dear Mrs. Foster:

Your husband, Chaplain Jewell D. Foster, is serving within the Alaska Defense Command, and as chaplain of the Alaska Defense Command I have had abundant opportunity to learn what kind of workman he is. I . . . congratulate you on having so able and successful a husband. He works under tremendous difficulties, yet his morale is so abundant as to inspire the men of his organization to work and to win through to victory. He is respected and loved by the men he serves.

What he has accomplished is especially significant since it means that he will perform an ever enlarging service for his country and his fellow soldiers. Your loyal devotion to your husband, and constant prayers for him have been important factors in his service. It is my hope and prayer that this war will be brought to a speedy and successful conclusion so that your husband, along with thousands of other soldiers may return to his home and those whom he loves.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,  
JOSEPH M. APPLEGATE,  
Captain, Ch.C.,  
Acting Asst. Chaplain, A.D.C.

sir," said the man who was showing it to me. I could not help thinking how true that was of many a form more precious than metal. Many a young soul that might be stamped with the image and superscription of the King while it is warm with the love and glow of early youth is allowed to grow too cold, and the image is marred.—Sunday School Times.

## A SOLDIER SPEAKS

The wind may blow,  
The rain may fall,  
Mother and Dad, you know I love you  
best of all,

Though I am going far away  
To "No Man's Land," they say;  
Through the desert and jungles I  
will march,

Through the storms and fire I will  
watch,

Then one day to my loved ones I will  
return,

Although I am battered and torn,  
And I will find peace once more with  
my darling Mother and Dad at  
home.—Harris W. Hambrick, Co. A,  
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# TO HIM THAT HATH AN EAR

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The unfortunate side of the picture is that in our ambitious forward surge to ever greater things we have tended to forget from whence we came. Those rural communities are not inexhaustible. If they are to continue to produce quality products in both manhood and materials, their offspring must not forget the parent community.

## The Country Church Must Not Be Forgotten

Especially is this true concerning the church. We Baptists had our beginning as a rural people. Out of this humble and honorable background we have made rapid strides to majestic heights until we, too, have expanded into a powerful organization with a sense of centralized power. Out of these little one-room rural churches in unknown corners of God's great earth we have sent preachers who have proven themselves prophets worthy of praise among the people. Through our co-operation we have formed into a mighty organization with tremendous world-wide influence, and have sent out messengers of good tidings to the four corners of the earth. All of this makes our hearts tingle with a sense of just pride and humble thanksgiving.

We are, however, in great danger of growing too centralized in the big things of our present program, and forgetting the parent churches that produced us. We are planning our programs too much on the basis of the needs of the product rather than the producer. . . .

The religious body of the future is the one that directs greatest interest toward the rural church. If our work is to move forward we must see to it that our country churches are cared for and constantly developed.

### Definite Steps Must Be Taken

If this is to be realized there are some definite steps which must be taken:

First: The young preacher entering the ministry must remember that God has called him to be His servant. He must forget all personal ambition for promotion, power, or pay. He must remember that Jesus lost Himself in the work of the Kingdom, and said to His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." He must love the unpolished man

Pictures of these Blue Mountain College grandchildren will appear in the May number of the Alumnae Bulletin, which is to be off the press soon.

(1) Evelyn and Ed Lawson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher E. Lawson, Benton, Tennessee; (2) Charlotte Edith Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Young, Calhoun City; (3) Charles Owen Hooker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hooker, New Albany; (4) Wanda Jean Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jones, Morris, Oklahoma; (5) David Hudson Guyton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Guyton, Blue Mountain; (6) Phyllis Jacqueline Covington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Covington, Hattiesburg; (7) Ann Lee Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Patterson, Laurel; (8) Jacqueline Elise Mauldin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Mauldin, Tupelo.

in the backwoods more than he loves the polished floors of the city parsonage. His burning passion must be for men above money, for souls above cities, for purity above prestige, and for spiritual power above promotion. He must be willing to lose himself to all the world that he may go down among the humble farmers and fishermen and discover the George Truett and Simon Peters. He must be willing to die to himself that Christ may live in a nation's leaders.

Second: These sacrificing preachers must not be left to bear the burden alone. Their denominational leaders must become their servants. . . . Their ears must be open to the Podunk preacher as they are to the pastor of the First church. This humble servant must be given opportunity to have a place on associational, regional, state and southwide programs, so that our Baptist democracy may be restored.

Third: The pastors of the wealthy city churches must realize the contribution of these rural pastors. They must recognize that their deacons and teachers and officers and leaders have come to them in steady streams from the careful foundations laid by

### A WIDE-OPEN FIELD

(Foreign Mission Board)—Dr. George Green writes from Nigeria:

"By means of canoes and launches, Miss Josephine Scaggs and missionaries W. H. and Mrs. Carson have traveled the rivers and waterways of the Niger Delta, visiting and instructing the more than forty churches in the district, holding meetings for women and children, and preaching the gospel to congregations who gather on the river-banks when the canoe or launch is tied up for the night. In a personal letter Miss Scaggs says: 'In these weeks I have been deeply moved by the wide-open field for evangelistic and teaching work among the young people. Until one makes the river trip and sees the thirty or more stations (not all are churches) it is impossible to imagine the vastness of this area and the hosts of young people within it. The Baptist denomination has the stronghold in these river areas where, in many places, there are no other denominations. What an opportunity to work unhindered in this respect.'"

these little men of great deeds who serve the Master in humble places. They must be willing to deny themselves of the luxuries of life that the rural pastor may at least have life's necessities. The Son of man that hath not where to lay His head will never smile upon the preacher who can, with easy conscience, spend his money for non-essentials when his fellow preacher labors in a more difficult vineyard to carve great souls out of God's humble people while he ruins his health for lack of funds, or is forced to other occupations for a livelihood. . . . He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit sayeth to the young preacher, the denominational leaders, and the pastors of the larger churches.—Biblical Recorder.



## Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. (Hilkiah): Hilkiah served the people as a high priest during the reign of Josiah, whose activity dates back to about 650 years B. C.

2. (Shepherds complained): They complained because of the temperature changes, as verified by Jacob in Genesis 31:40.

3. (Brass): You will find its plentiful supply mentioned in Deuteronomy 8:9.

4. (Rod and staff): In early times the "rod," known as "club," and the "staff," known as "crook," had specific purposes. These were the only two protective weapons carried by the shepherds. The "club" or "rod" for warding off the sheep's wild enemies, and the "crook" or "staff" for the sheep's defense and protection.

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### STATEMENT ON THE BRYSON BILL, H. R. 2082

By Edward B. Dunford  
Anti-Saloon League Attorney  
Washington, D. C.

"The Anti-Saloon League has not advocated and did not seek introduction in Congress of a bill for war time prohibition because it believed that the President, under the broad war powers already conferred upon him, is possessed of all the authority needed to impose such restrictions, limitations or prohibitions upon the liquor traffic as are necessary.

Canada has already pointed the way to what can be done in the interests of temperance under its War Measures Act. However, if the government of the United States continues to impose prohibitions and restrictions upon the manufacture, sale and use of necessary commodities of life, but ignores the waste of food, fuel, electric energy, transportation facilities and manpower involved in a non-essential luxury enterprise like the liquor traffic; ignores also the evils growing out of the mounting consumption of alcoholic liquor with its contributions to absenteeism, loose talk, industrial accidents, drunkenness and juvenile delinquency; and disregards the efforts of the trade to stimulate sale and consumption by advertising, we believe there will be a growing demand upon Congress for the enactment of war prohibition or some form of substantive law to deal with this traffic, which now seems to enjoy a position of preferred treatment by the government.

"A nation which can stop the manufacture of such necessary commodities as automobiles for private use, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and can ration food, surely has the power to deal with the evils growing out of the use and abuse of alcoholic liquors in war time. If the adminis-

tration does not now have adequate authority, Congress should supply it."

Write your congressman urging action upon and passage of the BRYSON BILL, H. R. 2082—Keep writing! Keep writing!—N. S. Jackson, superintendent, Mississippi Anti-Saloon League.

—BR—

### ROBERT L. LEE ORDAINED

On Sunday, May 2nd, at 2:30 p. m., Robert L. Lee, who has been called as pastor of the Baptist church of Edwards, Miss., was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula.

The singing was led by Raymond Marston, after which a quartet composed of Warren Lowry, Raymond Marston, Lloyd Cotten and Wilson Woodall sang "I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus." Van Windham, pastor at Escatawpa, and W. L. Blain led in prayer.

Dr. Leroy E. Green, pastor of the church, preached the ordination sermon, the text of which was John 17:19. J. F. Brock, pastor of the First church of Moss Point, gave the charge and presented Mr. Lee with a Bible, the gift from the ordaining church.

After this there followed the laying on of hands by the preachers and deacons present, who were: J. F. Brock, Leroy E. Green, Van Windham, Jewel Golmon, J. L. Morgan, J. H. Winstead, H. B. Harrison, S. M. Fant and deacons: Elvy Flanagan, W. L. Blain, Robert Lynn and A. B. Crane. The ordination prayer was led by J. H. Winstead.

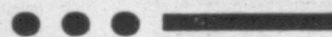
The presbytery which examined Mr. Lee on Saturday night was composed of: E. S. Flynt, H. B. Harrison, L. E. Green, Jewel Golmon and deacons: W. W. Robinson, W. L. Blain, R. E. Lynn and Elvy Flanagan.

Rev. Lee preached at the evening hour, after which he and Mrs. Lee and their baby daughter, Linda Sue, went to Mobile, where Mrs. Lee and the baby will visit. Mr. Lee planned to return to Clinton on Monday morning where he is a student at Mississippi College.

—BR—

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### IT CAN BE DONE

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it."  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you one by one  
The dangers that wait to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
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Jesus said, "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

"Now therefore perform the doing of it." I Cor. 8:11.

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another." Romans 13:8.

"I will pay my vows NOW in the presence of all his people." Ps. 116:14, 18.

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